

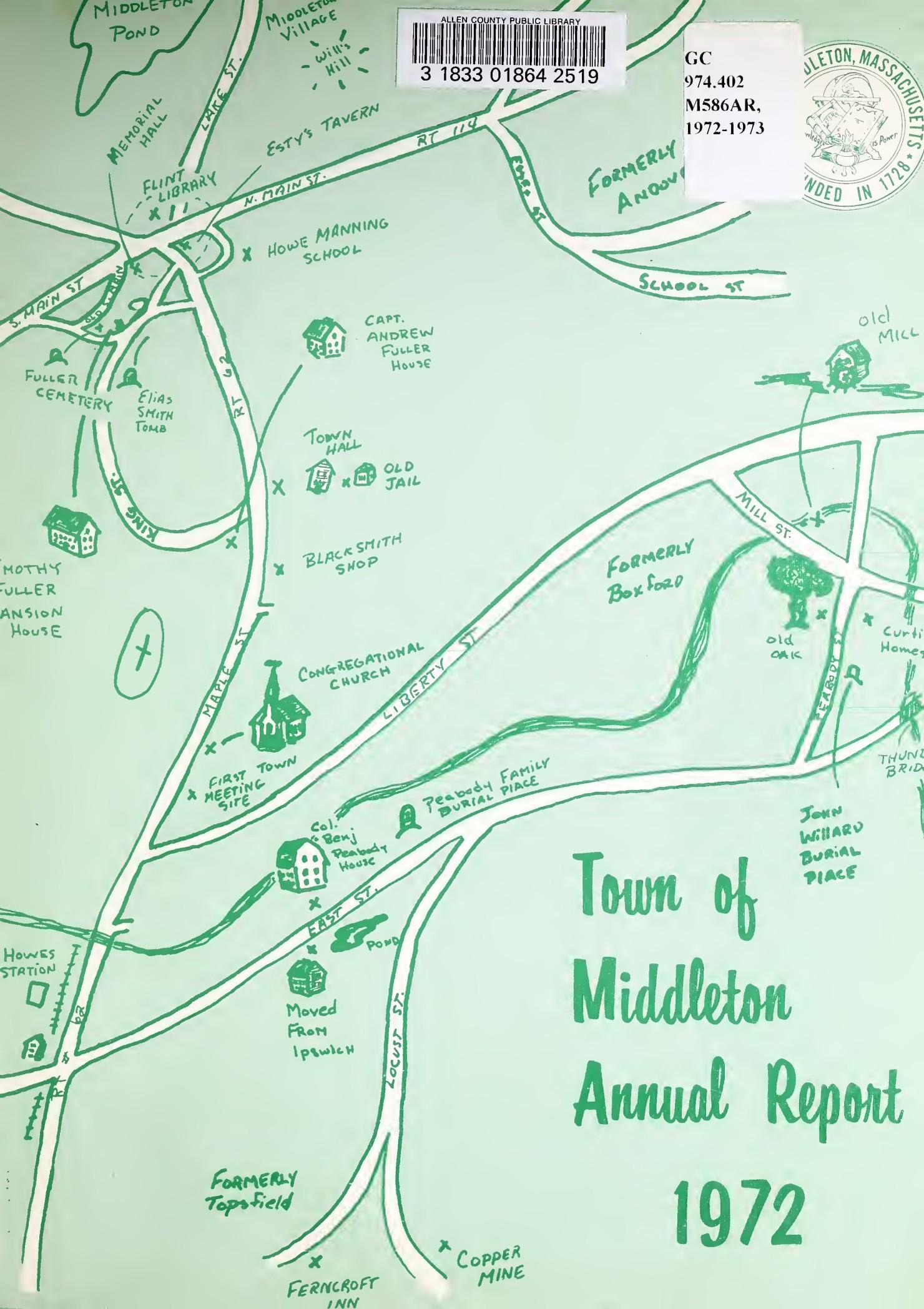


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IN MEMORIAM

WILLIS W. ESTY
1901 – 1972

Selectman
1953

Electric Light Department
1948 – 1964

Electric Light Manager
1955 – 1964

Trustee of Flint Public Library
1961 – 1967

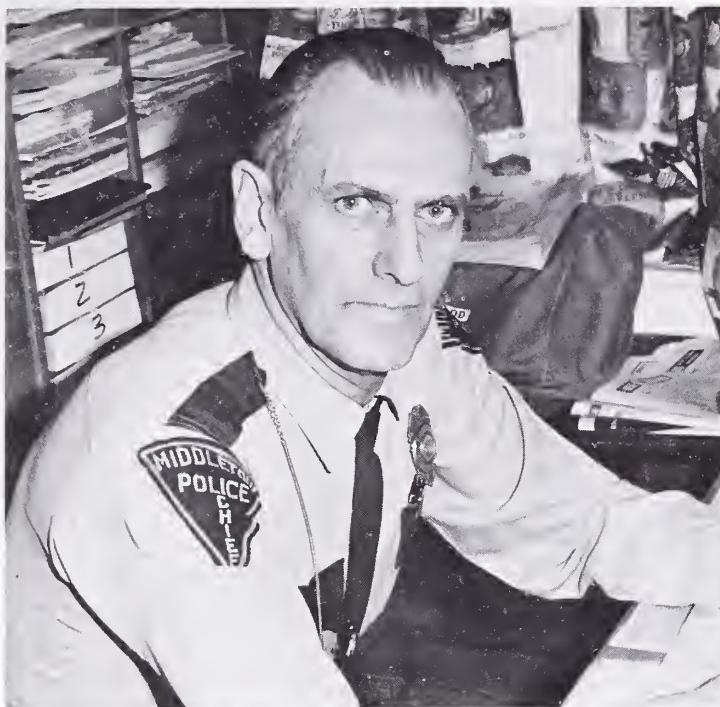
Trustee of B.F. Emerson Fund
1962 – 1972

Fire Department
1947 – 1964

RALPH RUSSELL
1926 – 1972

Custodian – Howe Manning School
October 1964 – March 1972

Dedication



Chief James Wentworth

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MIDDLETON, MASSACHUSETTS

Voted in Session — January 9, 1973

The Board of Selectmen in regular session voted unanimously to dedicate the 1972 Town Report to James W. Wentworth, former Chief of Police of Middleton, Massachusetts. The people of Middleton in a tremendous outpouring of recognition attended a dinner in Chief Wentworth's honor on November 10, 1972 at Caruso's Diplomat. Many public dignitaries attended to praise Chief Wentworth for his 23 years of police work.

Jim, as he was known to people of Middleton, became Chief and the only member of the Police Force in 1949. He served the town in this capacity for 23 years and saw the Force grow from 1 man to its present 6 man roster. In all these years, Middleton's Police Station was located in his home with the understanding and co-operation of his wife, Winnie. No one, can appreciate the years of nighttime telephone calls, interrogations or years of interrupted sleep that were integral part of having the Station in Jim and Winnie's home. There were many times when interrogations required use of Winnie's living room, dining room and kitchen. To this end, the Citizens of Middleton owe not only Jim but also Winnie a deep vote of gratitude.

The memories of many would be resurrected by the scene of Jim single handedly flagging down and stopping those huge trailer trucks as they rumbled through Mid-

dleton Square. It was through Jim's single handed efforts that an atrocious traffic problem in the square was solved. There were no bounds and no limits to Jim's alacrity in making the streets of Middleton safe for all Citizens.

There are many men and women living in Middleton today who can point to Jim as a motivating factor in straightening out their young lives. There was many a youngster that Jim gave a break to or took a personal interest in putting them on the straight and narrow. It was not an easy task in deciding what course of action should be taken with youthful offenders. Jim always seemed to have a knack for knowing when he could save youngsters from a life of crime and destruction.

It is with these memories, and recognition of 23 years of servitude to the Town of Middleton and its Citizens, that the Board of Selectmen dedicate this Town Report to Jim Wentworth. His influences and assistance to the town in coming years will be sadly missed. We are sure that all Citizens join us in wishing Jim peace and contentment for his retirement years.

Unanimously So Voted;

Thomas F. Dolan
Leon J. LeBlanc
Dennis E. Currier

Board of Selectmen
Town of Middleton

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TOWN OFFICERS 1972

ELECTED			
Moderator			
John R. Wallen		1973	James H. Coffin, Chairman Rita M. Kelley Elmer O. Campbell, Jr. David W. Kelley Carl C. Jones
Town Clerk		1975	
William T. Martin, Jr.			
Selectmen			
Thomas F. Dolan		1973	James Vrees, Chairman Gerald V. Lane Richard A. Moreschi
Leon J. LeBlanc		1974	
Dennis E. Currier		1975	
Board of Assessors			
Paul B. Wake, Chairman		1975	Richard G. Goodale, Chairman Carl A. Peterson Dominic F. Pellicelli George W. Miller Louis A. Barrett
Donald A. Aylward		1974	
Bernard Greenbaum		1973	
Treasurer		1974	
Patricia M. Jordan			
Tax Collector		1975	
Harold E. Tyler			
Highway Surveyor		1975	
Allan G. Marshall			
Constable			
Robert T. Peachey		1974	
School Committee			
Norman Nathan, Chairman		1975	
Ward Pike Messenger		1974	
Bruce D. Russell		1975	
Francis X. Masse		1973	
Thomas M. Mullen		1973	
Regional School Committee			
Jeffrey W. Savoie		1975	
George A. Demeritt		1974	
Francis J. Leary, Jr.		1973	
Electric Light Commissioners			
John W. Kinsvater, Chairman		1973	
John T. Dowling		1974	
Robert W. Fox		1975	
Cemetery Commissioners			
Michael Lavorgna, Chairman		1973	
Edward J. Richardson		1975	
Vacancy		1974	
Tree Warden			
Ernest R. Gould		1973	
Planning Board			
Donald H. Hall, Chairman		1977	
Louis S. Cerullo		1973	
Louis A. Barrett		1976	
Robert J. Preytis		1975	
Eugene J. LeBlanc		1974	
Trustees of Flint Public Library			
			1975
			1974
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			1975
Water and Sewer Commissioners			
			1973
			1974
			1975
Middleton Housing Authority			
			1977
			1974
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			1976
			State Apptd. to 12-17-75
APPOINTED			
Registrars of Voters			
David E. Fairbanks, Chairman			1975
John M. Cryan			1974
Mary C. Hocter			1973
William T. Martin, Jr.			Ex. Officio
Zoning Appeal Board			
Ebbe B. Wennerberg, Chairman			1975
Philip J. Cataldo, Clerk			1976
Louis W. Fioretti			1973
R. Lionel Barrows			1975
Joseph E. Conceison			1974
Robert E. Kelley (Alternate)			1973
Finance Committee			
Paul F. Richardson, Chairman			1973
Robert N. Porteous			1973
Alton P. Goodale			1974
Harry H. Hackett			1974
Donald F. Halloran, Clerk			1974
Robert G. Gowen			1975
Robert W. Spencer			1975
Board of Health			
Jacquelyn D. Armitage, Chairman			1975
Eugene J. LeBlanc, Clerk			1974
Dr. Edward H. Jones			

Chief of Police	Edward J. Richardson	Custodian of Town Hall	John R. Barrett	1973
Chief of Fire Department	Harold F. Purdy	Custodian of Town Dump	John W. Campbell	1973
Forest Fire Warden	Harold F. Purdy	Custodian of Town Lands	Patricia M. Jordan	1973
Electric Light Manager	J. Lansing English	Civil Defense Agent	Robert W. Fox	1973
Professional Assistant to Board of Selectmen	Charles H. Bowser	Conservation Commission	Henry N. Sawyer, Chairman Leonard Kupreance Francis E. Goreham George M. Farley	1974 1973 1975 1974
Town Accountant	Robert F. Murphy	Industrial Development Commission	Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman Douglas R. Nelson John R. Violette	1974 1975
Town Counsel	Jerome A. Segal	Council on Aging	Chester V. Morelli, Chairman Shirley Raynard Alice Milbery Frank Jones Corrine Roy Pearl Evans Charron Richard O. Ajootian Mary C. Hocter Joan DeBoer	1977 1974 1976 1977 1976 1974 1975 1975 1974
Inspector of Animals & Slaughtering	Charles H. Ohlson	Recreation Committee	John Deasey, Chairman John R. Barrett Geraldine Shipley Jean M. Ulbin Virginia Wentworth	1977 1974 1976 1977 1976 1974 1975 1975 1974
Wire Inspector	John W. Milbery	Liason with Departments	Police – Paul F. Armitage Park – Ernest R. Gould School – Henrietta Giannino	1973
Building Inspector	Joseph J. Campano, Jr.	Personnel Board	John Caulfield, Chairman Edward E. Coffin, Jr. John A. Pellicelli Richard O. Wardsworth Alexander J. Popelski	1973 1975 1973 1974 1975
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	William Fuller Reading, Mass.	Representative to M.B.T.A. Advisory Board	Thomas F. Dolan	1973
Executive Director of Housing Authority	Leyland A. Phillips	Representative to Ipswich River Watershed District Advisory Board	Louis A. Barett	1973
Town Advisory Board Member To State Welfare Department	Elmer L. McIntire	Representative to Metropolitan Area Planning Council	Louis A. Barett	1973
Veteran's Agent and Director of Veteran's Services	George M. Farley			
Superintendent of Cemeteries	Edward J. Richardson			
Park Superintendent	Ernest R. Gould			
Health Agent & Sanitarian	Arthur R. Donovan			
Community Nurse & Asst. Health Agent	Mrs. Marie Deschamps Danvers, Mass.			
Dog Officer	Charles H. Ohlson			
Custodian of Memorial Hall	William R. Mugford, Jr.			

**Representative to Regional Vocational
District School Committee**
Thomas M. Mullen

Building Space Committee
Leon J. LeBlanc, Chairman
Patricia M. Jordan
George A. DeMeritt
Allan G. Marshall
Bartholomew J. Whelan
Edward J. Richardson
George E. Dow, Sr.

Police Station Building Committee
All members of Building Space Committee plus:
Robert N. Porteous
Wilbur A. Witham

School Sites & Needs Committee
Francis X. Massee, Chairman
Frank Dellazoppa, Clerk
Thomas F. Dolan
Donald H. Hall

Fire Truck Purchasing Committee
Harold F. Purdy
William J. Hocter
George W. Nash
Charles W. Spears
George M. Farley

Fire Hose Tower Building Committee
Harold F. Purdy
James H. Ogden
Leon J. LeBlanc
Robert G. Gowen
Robert E. Kelley

Trustees
B.F. Emerson Fund
Naumkeag Trust Company, Salem, Mass.
Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.
Paul B. Wake
Carl C. Jones

Mansfield Fund
Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

David Cummings Fund
Board of Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT – 1972

The Board of Selectmen respectfully submit their Annual Report to the Citizens of Middleton for the year 1972. As in past years, the work load for the Board of Selectmen has increased considerably due to increased demands by new State and Federal Regulations, and a greater demand for services placed upon the Board by the Citizens of Middleton.

The Board completed its first full year with an Administrative Assistant funded by the National Emergency Employment Act. Mr. Charles Bowser of Lynnfield was appointed to fill this post. It is the unanimous feeling of the Board that in the very near future, the town will have to consider funding this post as a full time town position. Through the efforts of Mr. Bowser, we were able to investigate many federally funded programs that may have been available to the Town of Middleton. The Board, with the assistance of Mr. Bowser, was successful in placing a good many high school children into jobs within the town for the Summer. The Board of Selectmen in keeping with its request of other departments to present an austere image at this Town Meeting is not requesting that the town fund this position upon the expiration of federal funds.

Early in the year, the Board of Selectmen appointed Middleton's first independent Board of Health. Mrs. Jacqueline Armitage, Dr. Edward Jones and Mr. Eugene LeBlanc were appointed as Middleton's first full time Board of Health. Their work load has increased considerably in that overall health problems in the town including septic permits, building permits and other related health problems are concerned. The largest task before our new Board of Health is resolution of our waste disposal problem.

The Board, upon the retirement late this year of former Police Chief James Wentworth, went through an exhaustive set of interviews to appoint a new Chief. We were pleased at the conclusion of our interviews to determine that the most eligible candidate was former Sergeant Edward Richardson. Chief Richardson, in his new capacity, is doing an outstanding job in remaking the Police Department. We also accepted the resignation of Sergeant DiTomaso and wished him luck in his new position as Chief of Police in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. We appointed Patrolman Paul Armitage and Patrolman Paul Peters to fill the vacancies caused by the aforementioned retirement and resignation. The Selectmen, with the co-operation and help of the entire Police Department, supervised the move of the Police Station from former Chief Wentworth's home to the former Selectmen's Office in Memorial Hall. The Board, with the excellent co-operation of the Fire and Police Departments, set up a new emergency Communication Center for the Town. As of this writing, we are pleased with the overall results of this system.

The Board this year represented the town in two court actions. We have not as of the writing of our report, received a ruling from the master in the Kenney Road gravel pit case. We made two appearances in court this year in an attempt to resolve this matter. The Selectmen also requested of the State Labor Board a determination as to who shall be bargaining agent for the Middleton Police Department. The case is currently under appeal pending further judgment by the State Labor Board.

The Board of Selectmen and the Town continue to have our share of aggravation with the former Essex County Sanitarium property. Fires have continued to break out on the property exposing our Fire Dept. to constant hazards. The County Commissioners have proposed this year over the objections of the Middleton Board of Selectmen, that a County Jail be built on the sanitarium site. The Board of Selectmen, working with Representative Buell, have proposed that the land be used for location of the new Regional Vocational Technical School. It is the unanimous feeling of the Selectmen that this site, in conjunction with the present Essex County Agricultural School provides an excellent educational opportunity for all interested students on the North Shore.

The Selectmen this year after being aware of some problems on the Recreation Committee reorganized the entire Committee and appointed a new Chairman. The Recreation Committee this year was charged with conducting the Mansfield Fund Picnic. Congratulations go out to all Recreation Committee members past and present on outstanding job in running a most successful affair. I am sure that the children of Middleton join us in this accolade.

The Board, along with many other Town Department Heads and Committee Chairmen, attended numerous sessions describing the new 18 month fiscal year. The budget as presented at this Town Meeting will reflect an 18 month fiscal period. It is for this reason that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have recommended that a severe austerity program be initiated for the town. We do not relish the thought but acknowledge the fact that a substantial increase in taxes this year will be forthcoming.

In co-operation with a good many Citizens in town, our Administrative Assistant and other interested parties, the Board of Selectmen this year undertook the task of forming a Charter Commission in the town. A petition was drawn up and signed by 423 Citizens to initiate the charter question on the ballot. The Board is looking for 9 interested Citizens to serve for a 1 year term on this Commission. It shall be the job of the Charter Commission to determine whether or not our basic plan of town government should be revised. It is our sincere hope that this will be a blue ribbon committee with a comprehensive report for the town at the next Town Meeting.

A great deal of time was spent in the latter part of the year in writing up new insurance and liability coverages for the town. As a result of new specifications written by the Board, the town for the first time put its insurance requirements out to bid. The bids when received indicate that the town will save approximately \$5000.00 in its insurance expenses for the coming year while increasing our coverages substantially. The Board wishes to thank the Town Accountant and Finance Committee for their assistance on this project.

In addition to the aforementioned appointments stated in our report, the Board made many other appointments to various Boards and Committees. These appointments are contained on a separate page of your Town Report.

Once again, the Board of Selectmen must make an urgent plea for more active participation in Town Government by the Citizens of Middleton. Wake up Middleton.

Apathy and inattention to town affairs breeds poor government and high taxes. There are, and have been, many vacancies on various committees that have not been filled for lack of volunteers. We must have the full co-operation of every citizen in order to function in a sane and efficient manner. Obviously, some self sacrifice is involved in working within town government. If we all pull our share of the burden, the town cannot help but benefit from your active participation.

The Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank all the various Town Boards and Committees that have assisted us throughout the past year. It is our hope that with your continued co-operation and assistance that Middleton will continue in a manner that will serve generations to come.

Thomas F. Dolan, Chairman
Dennis E. Currier, Clerk
Leon J. LeBlanc



L. to R. Dennis E. Currier, Thomas F. Dolan, Chairman, Leon J. LeBlanc

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk is the official recorder of the records of the Town. His duties include; recording the proceedings of the Town Meetings and Elections, notifying the Town Accountant, Assessors and other Officers concerned, of appropriations which have been voted by the Town. He records and issues certificates of Vital Statistics, issues Fish and Game Licenses, collects Dog Taxes and issues Dog Licenses.

Office Hours at 43 King Street; Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

The 1972 Town Meeting Records, Election Records, Vital Statistics recorded and Dog Licenses issued follow:

Annual Town Meeting March 14, 1972

The Warrant for this meeting having been duly served and posted, the meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by the Moderator, John R. Wallen. The Return of Service was read by the Town Clerk. A quorum being present, the following business was transacted:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

The report of the School Sites and Needs Committee was read by Francis X. Masse of that Committee, as the report appeared in the 1971 Town Report. This report was accepted by the Town as a report of progress, as requested by the Committee.

The Building Space Committee Report was read by George A. Demeritt and was accepted as a report of progress.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1972 and January 1, 1973 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or what action it will take thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 2 as read.

Article 2 was adopted as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws Personnel Plan as follows:

1. By adding to TITLE XIV a new SECTION 14.02

Leave allowed an employee from duty caused by an accident or injury on the job shall be called Injury Leave.

Since all employees are covered by Workmens Compensation Insurance, the town will supplement the payments if necessary, in order that the injured employee

will receive his base weekly wage for the period of recuperation. (said period not to exceed one year)

Said employee will be required to produce evidence as to the amount of his insurance compensation benefit.

2. Delete Section 7.07 Superior Court Time. Each uniformed member of the regular, uniformed Police Department shall be entitled to a minimum of three (3) hours pay when appearing at any session of the Superior Court. Said hours shall not be used in determination of hours worked when calculating overtime.

3. Add to Section 14.01 the following:

An examination by an impartial physician designated by department heads and Personnel Board may be requested at intervals.

4. Delete from Section 2.01:

and one Town Employee (other than a Department Head) who shall serve annually for one year.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article with the following addition to the second paragraph of section 1: "said period not to exceed one year."

A vote was taken by the showing of hands: In favor – 89 votes. Opposed – 16 votes.

A two-thirds majority achieved.

Article 3 adopted as recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws Personnel Plan as follows:

By deleting Title VII Section 7.08 as it now reads and substituting the following:

Position or Title	1971	Recommended for 1972
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	Non-Classified	
Moderator	50.00	50.00
Selectmen	1,000.00	1,000.00
Treasurer	4,000.00	4,000.00
Tax Collector	4,000.00	4,000.00
Assessors	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
Constable	50.00	50.00
Tree Warden	50.00	50.00
Cemetery Commissioners	50.00	50.00
Water Commissioners	150.00	150.00

Highway Department

Highway Surveyor	9,000.00	9,450.00
Foreman (working)	3.50 p/hr	
Laborer (perm)	3.25 p/hr	3.43 p/hr
Laborer (p.t.)	2.35 p/hr	2.48 p/hr
Laborer (temp)	2.10 p/hr	2.21 p/hr

Park, Forestry, Cemetery Dept.

Foreman (working)	3.50 p/hr	3.69 p/hr
Laborer (perm)	3.25 p/hr	3.43 p/hr
Laborer (p.t.)	2.35 p/hr	2.48 p/hr
Laborer (temp)	2.10 p/hr	2.21 p/hr
Tree Climber	3.25 p/hr	3.43 p/hr
Supt. of Burials	50.00	50.00

Fire Dept.

Chief	10,341.00	10,910.00
Deputy Chief	9,015.00	9,511.00
Captain	8,776.00	
Lieutenant	8,140.00	8,588.00
Firefighter	7,865.00	8,298.00
Captain (c)	300.00 p/yr 3.25 p/hr	300.00 p/yr 3.25 p/hr
Lieutenant (c)	100.00 p/yr 3.25 p/hr	100.00 p/yr 3.25 p/hr
Firefighter (c)	75.00 p/yr 3.25 p/hr	75.00 p/yr 3.25 p/hr
Drillmaster (c)	25.00	25.00
Dept. Machinist	50.00	50.00

Clerical

Clerk-treasurer	2.20 p/hr	2.32 p/hr
Clerk-Assessors	2.30 p/hr	2.53 p/hr
Clerk-Tax Collector	2.50 p/hr	2.64 p/hr

Administrative

Assessor	1,900.00	1,900.00
Town Accountant	4,000.00	4,000.00
Secretary-Clerk	5,720.00	5,720.00

Inspection

Health Agent	2,000.00	2,000.00
Building Inspector	1,700.00	2,000.00
Gas Inspector	400.00	400.00
Plumbing Inspector	600.00	600.00
Wiring Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	250.00	450.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	50.00	
Dog Officer	600.00	600.00

Library

Head Librarian	2,300.00	2,300.00
1st Asst. Librarian	2.75 p/hr	2.90 p/hr
2nd Asst. Librarian	2.50 p/hr	2.64 p/hr
3rd Asst. Librarian	2.20 p/hr	2.32 p/hr
Clerk-Typist	2.07 p/hr	2.18 p/hr
Page	1.50 p/hr	1.58 p/hr

Miscellaneous

Custodian-Dump	4.00 p/day	4.00 p/day
Custodian-Town Hall	660.00	800.00
Custodian-Memorial Hall	900.00	1,200.00
Custodian-Library	1,200.00	1,200.00
Veterans' Agent	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Counsel	3,300.00	4,000.00
Registrars-Voters	50.00	100.00
Clerk Registrars	100.00	100.00
Secretary Planning Board	17.50 p/mtg	17.50 p/mtg
Secretary Personnel Board	15.00 p/mtg	17.50 p/mtg.

Secretary Water Comm.	15.00 p/mtg	17.50 p/mtg
Secretary Board of Appeals	25.00 p/mo.	30.00 p/mo

Police Department

Chief	10,616.00	11,200.00
Captain	9,015.00	
Lieutenant	8,776.00	
Sergeant	9,015.00	9,511.00
Patrolman	8,776.00	9,259.00
Patrolman (Reserve)	3.50 p/hr	3.50 p/hr

The Finance Committee recommended Article 4 as read with the following addition: under Administrative add to Assessor "Wages-Assessment only".

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5. To fix the compensations of elected officers; to determine whether any Town Board shall be authorized to employ for additional salary or compensation any of its members; provide for a reserve fund; and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the ensuing year.

Appropriations

General Government

Moderator	Salary	50.00
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Finance Committee	Expenses	100.00
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Selectmen	Salaries	3,000.00
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	Expenses	4,000.00
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Secretary-Clerk	5,720.00
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Training, Secretary-Clerk	275.00
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Accountant	Salary	4,000.00
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	Expenses	850.00
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Treasurer	Salary	4,000.00
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	Clerical	1,000.00
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Expenses	1,609.00
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Tax Titles	2,500.00
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Tax Collector	Salary	4,000.00
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	Clerk	2,363.00
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Assessors	Expenses	1,540.00
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Salaries	Tax Taking (Oak Nuts Park)	2,000.00
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Clerk	Salaries	3,000.00
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Expenses	Clerk	1,950.00
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Wages—Assessment only	Expenses	2,475.00
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Town Counsel	Wages—Assessment only	1,900.00
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Salary	Town Counsel	4,000.00
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Expenses	Salary	1,500.00
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Town Clerk	Expenses	1,000.00
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Salary	Office Equipment	495.00
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Expenses	Elections & Registrations	350.00
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Salaries	Salaries	500.00
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Expenses	Expenses	571.00
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Wages	Wages	1,775.00
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Planning Board	
Clerical	350.00
Advertising	200.00
Consultant	400.00
Expenses	450.00
Town Hall	
Salary	800.00
Expenses (Oper.)	2,100.00
Memorial Hall	
Salary	1,200.00
Expenses (Oper.)	3,000.00
Tax Office—Remodeling	1,000.00
Personnel Board	
Clerk	300.00
Expenses	100.00
Total General Government	66,423.00
Public Safety	
Constable	
Salary	50.00
Police Dept.	
Chief Salary	11,200.00
Wages	61,949.00
Expenses	10,341.00
Fire Dept.	
Chief's Salary	10,910.00
Salaries	2,925.00
Wages	59,128.00
Expenses	10,350.00
Expense-Special	1,925.00
Building Inspector	
Salary	2,000.00
Expenses	800.00
Board of Appeals	
Expenses	70.00
Salary—Clerk	360.00
Advertising	520.00
Wire Inspector	
Salary	1,000.00
Expenses	150.00
Civil Defense	
Expenses	100.00
Gas Inspector	
Salary	400.00
Expenses	100.00
Plumbing Inspector	
Salary	600.00
Expense	150.00
Forestry Dept.	
Expenses	2,400.00
Insect & Pest Control	2,000.00
Dutch Elm	2,600.00
New Trees	300.00
Tree Warden Salary	100.00
Dog Officer	
Salary	600.00
Expenses	800.00
Total Public Safety	183,828.00
Health & Sanitation	
Board of Health	
Salaries	2,000.00
Expenses	21,000.00
Purchase of Gravel	9,000.00
Community Health	5,000.00
Mental Health	1,600.00
Inspector of Animals	
Salary	400.00
Expenses	100.00

Inspector of Slaughtering	
Salary	50.00
Total Health & Sanitation	39,150.00
Highway Dept.	
Road Machinery Account	
(From Road Machinery Fund)	8,000.00
Highway Surveyor Salary	
(From available Dept. Funds)	9,495.00
Highway Expenses	28,617.00
Chapter 81	9,350.00
*Chapter 81, State	9,350.00
Chapter 90, Construction	4,750.00
*Chapter 90, County & State	14,250.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	5,000.00
Snow Removal	40,000.00
Storm Drains	3,000.00
Total Highway Dept.	131,812.00

*Amounts to be taken from Surplus Revenue, and when received from State and County, reimbursement to be returned to Surplus Revenue.

Veteran's Services	
Veteran's Agent	
Salary	1,000.00
Expenses	600.00
Veteran's Aid	9,000.00
Total Veteran's Services	10,600.00

School Department	
Elementary Schools	
Salaries	429,498.00
Expenses	100,068.00
Supt. out of State Travel	250.00
Masconomet Regional School District	646,605.96
Vocational Education	5,000.00
Total School Dept.	1,181,421.96

Library Dept.	
Salaries	16,800.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Expenses	9,960.98
Expenses (From State Aid to Library)	1,516.50
Expenses (From Dog Tax Refund)	1,032.52
Total Library Dept.	30,510.00

Recreation Dept.	
Park Labor	3,000.00
Expenses	500.00
East Street Pool	500.00
New Equipment	500.00
Wages—Beach Life Guard	2,050.00
Town Picnic	1,000.00
Skating	600.00
Wages—Playground	1,800.00
Playground Equipment	300.00
Swimming Equipment	200.00
Total Recreation Dept.	10,450.00

Cemetery Dept.	
Commissioners Salaries	150.00
Supt. of Burials	50.00
Expenses	10,730.00
Opening Graves	2,500.00
Hot Top	500.00
Total Cemetery Dept.	13,930.00

Unclassified	
Retirement Assessment	44,672.00
Printing Town Reports	3,000.00
Sick and Injury Leave	3,000.00
Memorial Day	800.00
General Liability Insurance	10,000.00
Motor Vehicle Insurance	5,230.00
Group Insurance	1,200.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	18,000.00
Christmas Lighting	75.00
Street Lighting	7,800.00
Reserve Fund (From Overlay Reserve Acct.)	10,000.00
Conservation Commission	300.00
State Retirement	600.00
Total Unclassified	<u>104,677.00</u>

Maturing Debt and Interest	
School Addition Loan – 1956	10,000.00
Fuller Meadow School	20,000.00
Interest	22,000.00
Total Maturing Debt & Interest	<u>52,000.00</u>

Public Service Enterprises	
Water Dept.	
Salaries	450.00
Expenses	450.00
Maintenance	4,600.00
Debt. Repayment	3,800.00
Total Water Dept.	<u>9,300.00*</u>

*Voted to be taken from earnings of Water Dept.

Electric Light Department	
Depreciation	45,895.00
Production	686,700.00
Maintenance-Operation	162,577.00
Total Elect. Light Dept.	<u>895,172.00*</u>

*Voted to be taken from earnings of Electric Light Dept.

Total General Budget Appropriations	
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	<u>2,729,273.96</u>

The Finance Committee recommended that under Public Safety – Fire Dept. Wages be amended to read \$59,128.00. This makes no change in totals.

So voted by unanimous vote.

The Finance Committee recommended that under Highway Dept. – Snow Removal be changed from \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

So voted.

The Finance Committee recommended that under Library Dept. Expenses be amended to read \$9,960.98, and that the Dog Tax Refund of \$1,516.50 plus State Aid to Libraries \$1,032.52 be appropriated to the Library Dept., making total Library Dept. \$30,510.00.

So voted.

Under Article 5. The Finance Committee recommended that the sum of \$50,000.00 be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account to reduce the Tax rate, to be applied to the General Government portion of the budget.

So voted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Richard O. Ajootian made motion that under General Government the item "Administrative Assistant" be changed to read "Secretary-Clerk."

So voted.

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the amounts listed in the foregoing schedule.

ARTICLE 6. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$22,500.00 from the 1971 earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 6 be adopted as read.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of all the income of the Municipal Light Department to said Department; the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners for the expenses of the Department for the fiscal year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and the excess is to be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Department for use as the Commissioners may direct.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 7 be adopted as read.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Building Inspector to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws as follows:

By striking from Part I, Section VII of the By-laws the following subsections: (4a), 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 4(e), 4(f), 4(g), 4(h), and 4(i), and inserting in place thereof the following:

Part I Section VII. (4). The building inspector shall number the lots on every street and way in the Town.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

A motion was made by Mr. Ralph Lewis to postpone Article 8 indefinitely. Motion seconded.

So voted.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Building Inspector to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,200 to renumber the lots on every street and way in the Town; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

A motion was made by Bartholomew Whelan to postpone Article 9 indefinitely. Motion seconded.

So voted.

A motion was made by Richard Ajootian to reconsider Article 8. Motion did not carry.

ARTICLE 10. By petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws as follows:

By striking out from the first and last sentences in Part III of Section VI, subsection (4), the figure "\$500" and inserting in place thereof in each instance the figure "\$1000."

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article as read.

Voted: To adopt Article 10 as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws as follows:

That Part II be amended by inserting after section III the following:

IV. Earth Removal. No sod, loam, clay, sand, gravel, quarried stone or other earth material which forms a part of the real estate of the Town of Middleton shall be carried, conveyed or moved outside the boundaries of the Town of Middleton for any purpose whatsoever.

Mr. Leon LeBlanc made a motion to amend Article 11 by adding; except for new building construction, at which time the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit for removal of clay, sand, gravel, or quarried stone from the Town of Middleton.

Amendment voted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11, as amended. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws as follows:

That Part II be amended by inserting after section III the following:

IV. Earth Removal. No sod, loam, clay, sand, gravel, quarried stone or other earth material which forms a part of the real estate of the Town of Middleton shall be carried, conveyed or moved outside the boundaries of the Town of Middleton for any purpose whatsoever, except for new building construction, at which time the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit for removal of clay, sand, gravel, or quarried stone from the Town of Middleton.

Article 11, as amended by Mr. LeBlanc was voted on by the showing of hands: In favor – 101 votes. Opposed – 33 votes.

A two-thirds vote required. Article 11 adopted as amended.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Chief of Police, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

"not more than" \$2,700.00 which together with the exchange value of the present 1971 Ford Custom 4 door sedan cruiser shall be used by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new Police cruiser; as provided in the By-Laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article and that \$2,700.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$3,500.00 for the purchase of a new 1972 Automatic Sander, in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article as read and that the sum of \$3,500.00 be taken from Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$6,600.00 to be expended for the purchase of a new 1972 International Dump Truck, in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article as read and that the sum of \$6,600.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate, a sum of money not to exceed \$9,500.00 for the purpose of constructing a hose tower for use by the Fire Department, and to have a committee appointed by the Moderator, to consist of five members; one from the Board of Selectmen, one from the Finance Committee, the Fire Chief, one other member of the Fire Department, and one citizen-at-large, to oversee the construction, and equipping of said structure; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article and that the sum of \$9,500.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 16. On petition of the Cemetery Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to use the sum of \$500.00 from the Cemetery Equipment Fund for purchase of new equipment.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article. Mr. Ernest R. Gould made motion to adopt Article 16 as read. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Norma Nathan.

Voted: to adopt Article 16 as read.

ARTICLE 17. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500. for the purchase of an electrostatic copy machine for use of the offices of the Town; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended this Article and that \$1,500.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 to establish a drug education and prevention program; said fund to be administered by the Board of Health; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article. Thomas Dolan made motion to adopt Article 18 as read. Leon LeBlanc seconded this motion.

The Finance Committee then rescinded their objection and recommended that \$2,400.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted.

Article 18 as recommended by the Finance Committee carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. On petition of the Trustees of the Flint Public Library to see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money to be held in trust by the said Library Trustees for the purpose of erecting an addition to the Flint Public Library building, and the Trustees shall be authorized to expend any or all of the principal thereof, or interest therefrom, either or both, to accomplish this purpose.

Mr. Paul Wake, a Trustee of the Flint Library, made motion that no action be taken on this Article. Motion seconded.

So voted.

ARTICLE 20. On petition of the Library Trustees, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$297,216.00, for the construction of a Library addition, and to have a committee appointed by the Town Moderator to consist of five members: one from the Board of Selectmen, one from the Finance Committee, the Director of the Library, one other member of the Flint Public Library Board of Trustees, and one citizen-at-large, to oversee the construction; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or any combination thereof.

Mr. Wake made motion that no action be taken on Article 20.

This motion was seconded and the Town so voted.

ARTICLE 21. On petition of: Edith B. Ruwet, Robert Provencher, Robert Murphy, Chris Feizidas, Shirley Murphy, Anthony Trupasso, Elaine S. Trupasso, Barbara Frasca, Nancy Morin and William O. Morin, to see if the Town will vote to accept Overbrook Road as a Public Way of the Town.

Mr. Provencher made motion to postpone action on this Article indefinitely.

This motion was seconded by the Finance Committee and so voted.

ARTICLE 22. On petition of the Recreation Committee to see if the Town will vote to hire a part-time Recreation Director at an annual salary of \$4,160.00, said Director to be responsible to the Recreation Committee, and to work a minimum of 20 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$4.00 — from date of hire of October 1, 1972; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

Mr. Thomas Manning made motion that Article 22 be referred to the Personnel Board for future consideration. Motion seconded by Leon LeBlanc.

So voted.

ARTICLE 23. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be held as a separate account, said sum to be expended by the Council on Aging for programs for the elderly in accordance with provisions of Chapter 40, Section SB of the General Laws of the Commonwealth; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 23 and that \$1,500.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

Mr. Dolan made motion and Mr. LeBlanc seconded "Section SB" to read "Section 8B" a printing error.

So voted by voice vote.

Article 23 adopted as recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 24. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$219.00, to be paid to Kinson Bus Lines for Vocational Education Transportation, rendered in 1971, and billed late, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 24 be adopted as read and that \$219.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 25. On petition of the Library Trustees, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72.56, to be paid to Sam Goadber & Son for fuel oil for the Town Library received in 1971 and billed late, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended Article 25 be adopted as read and that the sum of \$72.56 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

Mr. Dolan made motion and Mr. LeBlanc seconded that Article read "paid to Sam Goldberg & Son" to correct typographical error.

So voted by unanimous vote.

Article 25, as amended by Mr. Dolan, adopted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 26. On petition of: Louis J. LeBlanc, Dr. George J. Haykal, Christine Haykal, Katherine Fairbanks, Joyce Jones, Susan Perry, Louis LeMay, Eleanor L. Pickett, Ruth L. Martin and Virginia E. Ryan, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the New Meadows Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization of professionals under the laws of Massachusetts, located at 9 East Common, Topsfield, Mass. for a pilot conservation project involving the cities and towns of Essex County to dispose of solid waste; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof.

Paper, glass, metals, plastics, etc. will be directly recycled and the remaining biodegradable solid waste including leaves, clippings, and pumpings from cess pools will be converted to a superior plant food or compost by the use of earthworms.

Following the completion of the pilot project, a plant at the town dump will be proposed that will recycle all the solid wastes. Compost and earthworms are needed to rehabilitate impoverished town soils, and to improve town lands in the productivity of plants and wild animals.

Mr. Ralph Lewis made motion to postpone this Article indefinitely. Motion was seconded.

So voted by unanimous vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION March 20, 1972

The polls were opened at 7:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M. at the Fuller Meadow School.

The following election workers reported at 6:45 A.M. and were sworn in by the Town Clerk:

Lloyd Getchell	Blanche Paul
Mary Hocter	Bernice Sherwood
William T. Martin, Jr.	Esther McColley
Ann Woodbury	Marie Winquist

Reported at 6:45 P.M. and were sworn in by the Town Clerk:

Edith Farnham	Rita LeBlanc
Dorothy Ferreira	Shirley Raynard
Ann L. Goodale	Shirley Gould
Lorayne Hocter	Patricia Kimball
Violet Fontaine	Betty M. Peachey
Kathryn Martinuk	

The total number of votes cast as indicated by the ballot box was 1221. This number agreed with the number of voters checked by the ballot clerks as having voted. The ballots were sorted, counted and tallied and declaration thereof made in open meeting by the Town Clerk as follows:

*Signifies Elected

	Moderator	
John R. Wallen	981*	
Blanks	240	
	Town Clerk, 3 years	
William T. Martin, Jr.	1,077*	
Blanks	144	
	Selectman, 3 years	
Richard O. Ajootian	574	
Dennis E. Currier	627*	
Blanks	20	
	Assessor, 3 years	
Paul B. Wake	996*	
John A. Goodwin (write in)	11	
Blanks	214	
	Tax Collector, 3 years	
Harold E. Tyler	1,011*	
Blanks	210	
	Highway Surveyor, 3 years	
Allan G. Marshall	966*	
Blanks	255	
	School Committee, 3 years	
	Vote two	
Norman Nathan	722*	
Wilhemine M. Hall	561	
Bruce D. Russell	589*	
Blanks	570	
	Regional School Committee, 3 years	
Jeffrey W. Savoie	607*	
Alan F. Spottiswoode	548	
Blanks	66	
	Electric Light Commissioner, 3 years	
Robert W. Fox	993*	
Blanks	228	
	Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	
Edward J. Richardson	998*	
Blanks	223	
	Tree Warden	
Ernest R. Gould	1,031*	
Blanks	190	

	Planning Board, 5 years	
Donald H. Hall		940*
Blanks		281
	Trustees of Flint Public Library, 3 years	
	Vote two	
Carl C. Jones		940*
James H. Coffin		737*
Blanks		756
	Water and Sewer Commissioner, 3 years	
Richard A. Moreschi		920*
Blanks		301
	Middleton Housing Authority, 5 years	
Richard G. Goodale		1,003*
Blanks		218

Question No. 1

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the operation, holding or conducting of a game commonly called beano?	
Yes	930*
No	198
Blanks	93

Question No. 2

Under Chapter 32B, Mass. General Laws: Shall the Town in addition to the payment of fifty percent of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the town and their dependents pay a subsidiary or additional rate?	
Yes	553*
No	546
Blanks	122

Acceptance of this section allows the town to pay up to 99% of the cost of medical and life insurance for employees of the town, subject to recommendation of the Personnel Board.

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING October 3, 1972

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 P.M. by the Moderator, John R. Wallen.

A quorum not being present, a motion was made by Thomas F. Dolan to adjourn until October 10, 1972 at 8:00 P.M.

Gerald V. Lane made motion to adjourn and reconvene in thirty minutes. A vote was taken by showing of hands: In favor - 59 votes. Opposed - 73 votes.

Mr. Lane's motion did not carry.

Voted: to adjourn until Tuesday, next, October 10, 1972 at 8:00 P.M.

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

The following notice was posted by the Town Clerk at Memorial Hall, Post Office, and Store at Howe's Station, on October 3, 1972:

NOTICE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote:

The Special Town Meeting called on October 3, 1972 has been adjourned, by a majority vote of those present, until Tuesday, October 10, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. at Howe-Manning School Auditorium to act on the Articles of the Warrant posted for said Meeting.

William T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk of Middleton
October 3, 1972

Special Town Meeting of October 3, 1972 Adjourned to October 10, 1972

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Moderator, John R. Wallen.

The Return of Service of the posted Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

A quorum was present at this Meeting (184 voters)

The several Articles of the Warrant and the action taken thereon follows:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

The Building Space Committee elected to make report at time Article 4 came before the Meeting.

ARTICLE 2: On petition of the Board of Health, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from the account for Fill at the Sanitary Land Fill, to an account for Night Soil Operation, the amount of \$2,000.00 or what action it will take thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article as read. So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from Surplus Revenue, or available funds, the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Police Station relocation.

The Finance Committee recommended adoption of this Article and that \$1,500.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Police Station Building Committee, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00, to be used by the Committee to supplement existing funds for the construction and equipping of a Police Station, and to see if such funds will be provided from surplus revenue, from available funds, by borrowing, by bonding in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a combination thereof.

The Finance Committee reserved their recommendation until the Board of Selectmen made their recommendations.

Selectman Leon J. LeBlanc made the following recommendation as a selectman and a member of the Building Space Committee:

I am appearing before you tonight as a Selectman and a Member of the Building Space Committee to ask that you vote No on Article 4.

It is my feeling that a good many questions must be answered prior to proceeding with the construction of a new Police Station. I fully realize that I was one of the main proponents of construction of this new Station and my feelings to that end remain the same. I do not believe that anyone in this room can question the need for a permanent location to house our Police Department.

The Board of Selectmen recently initiated a study for an alternate proposal to be presented at this Town Meeting. It was our thought and intention that the Police Department could be moved to the present location of the Highway Department in the basement of the Fire Station. We then thought a new Highway Building could be built on the land recently purchased on North Main Street. Preliminary estimates showed that a new Highway Building to our specifications would cost in the vicinity of \$55,000.00 and renovation of the existing Highway Garage to accommodate the Police Station would cost \$43,000.00. The Building Space Committee has already expended or committed \$11,000.00 in funds for the present proposal. This would bring us to a total of \$109,000.00 which most certainly exceeds the appropriation requested by the Building Space Committee with no guarantee that either project could indeed be completed for these funds. This was obviously not a viable alternative to present to the Town.

The questions that must be answered prior to erecting a new Police Station, are — how will it be manned, and is there a less expensive alternative to the present construction plans. The Building Space Committee has expended a great deal of time in planning for an unmanned Police Station. It is questionable now as to whether or not, as the result of the resignation of former Chief Wentworth, an unmanned Police Station can be built. The Town must face up to the fact that some type of full time representation for the Police and Fire Departments must be available in the very near future. The Board of Selectmen will shortly enter into negotiations with the Police Chief and Fire Chief to work out an amicable agreement for manning of emergency phones. We must have an answer to this problem prior to proceeding with the construction of a Police Station.

A question also remains as to whether or not federal funding is available for construction of a Police Station. A recent investigation has shown that there will be some federal programs available within the coming months that Middleton may qualify for in subsidizing our new station. There is no reason why Middleton should have to go it alone while surrounding communities receive federal funds for their projects. We must stand up and be heard and put our oar in for whatever funds may be available. I deeply regret asking you to postpone construction of this Station again. We are all aware of the newspaper publicity received as a result of past dealings with the Police Station by the Building Space Committee and the

Town. We must, however, explore all possible avenues for assistance in building this Station while providing a concrete plan for a communication center for the town. The question will be raised as to what effect this postponement will have on funds already expended. The town has already purchased the land and this will be available for building at any time so there will be no loss in this direction. The plans and specifications developed by our architect will be appropriate for at least one more year. This will not result in a loss to the town. Our only increase in costs will be the cost of construction between this Town Meeting and any subsequent Town Meeting at which this proposal will be renewed. These extra costs could be easily absorbed by any possible federal subsidy that the town may obtain. A possibility also exists that the town may be able to act as its own General Contractor and build the station with local help.

The town is now approaching an 18 month fiscal year period. This will result in a short term higher tax rate and increased budgets for the town. We must give the taxpayer the benefit of any possible savings that can be obtained. I ask you to vote NO on this proposal but keep in mind that the town must soon construct a Police Station. Middleton through the courtesy of Jim Wentworth has had a free ride for its Police Station for the past 20 years. The time will soon come when we must pay our dues. We owe our new Chief, Ed Richardson, every possible consideration towards providing a facility that he can be proud of.

I ask your support in rejecting this Article as it now stands and your support at a subsequent Town Meeting for construction of this Station once a positive plan for payment and communication has been worked out.

Thank you.

A motion was made by Thomas F. Dolan to postpone Article 4 indefinitely. The motion was seconded.

Voted: by unanimous vote to postpone action on Article 4 indefinitely.

ARTICLE 5: On petition of the Board of Selectmen, that said Board be authorized to petition the House of Representatives or the Senate of the Commonwealth to strike the name of Middleton from the list of cities and towns in the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, as set forth in Section 26, Chapter 40B of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article as read. Selectman Thomas F. Dolan, Middleton Member of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, made recommendation that the Town adopt this Article.

A vote was taken by the showing of hands: In favor of Article 5 — 164 votes. Opposed — None.

Article 5 was adopted as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will place on the official ballot at the Annual Town Election of 1973, the following question:

"Shall the local mass transportation service in this town be discontinued?" Yes No

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted by unanimous vote to adopt Article 6 as read.

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, that said Board be authorized to petition the House of Representatives or the Senate of the Commonwealth, to strike the name of Middleton from the list of 64 cities and towns in the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, as set forth in Section 1, Chapter 161A of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted by unanimous vote to adopt Article 7 as read.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of National Ventures Trust of Danvers, Massachusetts, and several citizens of the Town, to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1972, as amended by Chapter 517 of the Acts of 1972, or what other action it will take.

The Finance Committee postponed its recommendation temporarily.

Leon J. LeBlanc made motion to amend Article 8 to read as follows:

Under Article 8. On petition of National Ventures Trust of Danvers, Massachusetts, and several citizens of the Town, to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1972, as amended by Chapter 517 of the Acts of 1972. Provided that National Ventures Trust or their successors and assigns present to the Town a bond in the amount of \$250,000.00 or whatever the cost of on site construction of sewerage facilities will be. Present to the Town a bond in the amount of \$250,000.00 or whatever the costs shall be to cover entrance costs regarding the South Essex Sewerage District. Present to the Town a bond in the amount of \$35,000.00 or whatever the estimated annual construction assessments from the South Essex Sewerage District shall be. The surety shall be posted annually in anticipation of assessments.

Motion to amend was seconded.

Attorney David Burns spoke in favor of adoption of Article 8.

Mr. Leonard Mass, with permission of the Town, further explained the effects of Article 8.

Article 8 as amended was adopted by the Town by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53C, of the Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.) which reads as follows:

"In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, all moneys received by it in payment for off-duty work details of members of its police department shall be deposited in the treasury, shall be kept in a separate fund by the treasurer apart from any other of its money, funds or other property, and shall be expended without further appropriation at the direction of the

Chief of Police or other officer having similar duties for the purpose of paying its police officers for such off-duty work details, notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-three."

The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of this Article.

Selectman Leon J. LeBlanc made a motion to adopt Article 9 as read. This Motion was seconded.

Article 9 was defeated by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Planning Board, to see if the Town will vote to accept Overbrook Road, beginning at a point at the intersection of Meadow Drive and extending Northwesterly for a distance of 885.00 feet, as shown on plan entitled "Subdivision Plan Middleton Farms, for Middleton Development Corporation", as a Public Way of the Town.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 10 be adopted as read.

Voted: to adopt Article 10 as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue, or from available funds to the Memorial Hall Expenses Capital Account, the sum of \$1,500.00 to be used to provide Electronic Burglar Alarm and Automatic Fire Alarm service in Memorial Hall.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 11 be adopted and that the sum of \$1,500.00 be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Highway Surveyor, to see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of \$1,040.00 from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Road Machinery Equipment Account, this amount being that received from the sale of two surplus vehicles from the Highway Department, or what action it will take.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

Bartholomew Whelan made motion to adopt Article as read. Motion was seconded.

A voice vote was taken, the chair in doubt, a vote was taken by the showing of hands: In favor - 75 votes. Opposed - 39 votes.

Article 12 adopted as read.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, purchase or gift, the land of Martin J. Walsh, Jr., Nancy Walsh, Russell E. Kaufman, Mary H. Kaufman, Leah Holsworth, Howard D. Smith, Mary Smith, Richard O. Ajootian, Margaret T. Ajootian, Catherine B. Campbell, Shirley Campbell, The Trustees of the Richardson Trust, Benjamin W. Clay, Jr., Dorothy M. Clay, and others; said land being within the relocation boundaries of River Street, Middleton, Massachusetts, as shown on "plan and Profile of Relocation of Portion of River Street, Middleton, Mass. Scale: 1"=40', August

12, 1970, Surveyors, Northern Associates, Inc., 278 Essex Street, Lawrence, Mass.", to be used for the purpose of relocating River Street as shown on said plan, and to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 from surplus revenue or available funds, to pay any or all persons for taking by eminent domain of said land, or any purchase of said land.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article with the following amendment: delete "and to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 from surplus revenue or available funds" and substitute therefor: "and transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Land Damage Account."

A vote was taken by showing of hands: In favor – 133 votes. Opposed – 3 votes.

Voted: to adopt Article 13 as amended.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or surplus revenue, the sum of \$8,000.00 to cover additional and increased insurance costs for the year 1972, or what action it will take.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 14 be adopted as read and that the sum of \$8,000.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue for this purpose.

Voted: to adopt Article 14 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and it was voted to adjourn the Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED – 1972

252 Male Dog Licenses
70 Female Dog Licenses
165 Spay Female Dog Licenses
487 Dogs Licensed in 1972

7 Kennel Licenses (4 Dog)

6 Kennel Licenses (10 Dog)

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

25 Deaths, 50 Births and 44 Marriages have been recorded during the year 1972.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1972

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 7	Kathleen Ann Horgan	Philip James Horgan, Jr.	Mary Ellen Burgess
Jan. 7	Danielle Jeannine Cloutier	William Thomas Cloutier	Janet Anderer
Jan. 14	Steven Christopher Lane	Gerald Vincent Lane	Lois Mildred Berry
Jan. 26	Becky Lynn Ware	Barry David Ware	Arlene Kathy Andress
Jan. 27	Christopher Tarn Tomkinson	Lester Edward Tomkinson	Barbara Ellen Urnikis
Jan. 30	Gregory James Karayianes	Edward Karayianes, Jr.	Laurene Mary DeRocher
Feb. 8	John Charles Taylor	Lester Harry Taylor, Jr.	Gilda Edith Romanelli
Feb. 10	Troy William Anderson	Carl William Anderson	Jeanne Andrea Bonica
Feb. 11	Dorothy Lynn Dane	Donald Joseph Dane	Joanne Gladys Town
Feb. 12	Christopher John Reardon	John Timothy Reardon	Catherine Florence Page
Feb. 14	Heather Ann Woodbury	Brian Joseph Woodbury, Sr.	Beverly Ann Stone
Feb. 24	Darren Joseph Lindley	David John Lindley	June Lillian Kristiansan
Feb. 24	Derek James Lindley	David John Lindley	June Lillian Kristiansan
Feb. 25	Dawn Marie Leary	David Thomas Leary	Dorothy Jean LeColst
Mar. 6	Ross Eric MacDonald	Richard Jerome MacDonald	Joyce Brenda Weinburg
Mar. 11	Stephen Matthew Quinn	James Joseph Quinn, Jr.	Jean Ann Hansbury
Mar. 17	Christine Marie Allen	Frederick Charles Allen, II	Catherine Theresa Gallant
Mar. 19	Shane David Wheatley	David Paul Wheatley	Maureen Theresa Quirk
Mar. 20	Nichole Marie Gagnon	Henry Thomas Gagnon	Marie Elena LaRiviere
Mar. 30	Michelle Louise Violette	John Robert Violette	Louiselle Cecile Dufour
Apr. 14	Joseph Alerson Picariello	Philip Alfred Picariello	Mary Ann Noyes
May 2	Cynthia Ann Lee	Joseph Thomas Lee, Jr.	Rosamond Marie Gregory
May 15	Erik James Rourke	James George Rourke	Carol Ann Desjardins
May 21	Michelle Jennifer Boardman	Edward P. Boardman	Margaret L. Melvin
May 24	Roland Edgar Clark, III	Roland Edgar Clark, II	Beverly Jane Rae
June 18	Bruce Eric Flynn	Louis Phillip Flynn	Marguerite Marie Comeau
June 19	Shannon Beth McPhee	Bruce Allen McPhee	Sheila Patricia Seward
June 26	Erin Lee Muzichuk	John Paul Muzichuk, Jr.	Susan Beth Ellsey
June 27	Wendy Peralta	Earle Francis Peralta	Juliette Ann Blais
July 7	Jennifer Anne Runnals	Bruce Edward Runnals	Sharron Jean Pearse
July 12	Sarah Kirven Morse	John Anthony Morse	Frances Fry Kirven
July 28	Duane Joseph White	Robert Duane White	Ann Elizabeth Colburn
Aug. 9	Rachel Marie Dougherty	Frederick Joseph Dougherty	Joan Mildred Mansfield
Aug. 18	Scott Charles Davis	Patrick Deerwood Davis	Ruth Ellen Kupfer
Aug. 31	Theresa Maureen Farrell	Eldon Amos Farrell	Maureen Ellen McCusker
Aug. 31	Rachel Elizabeth Wright	Robert James Wright	Margaret Grace Cleary
Sept. 1	Seth Vincent Farley	Vincent Henry Farley, Jr.	Mary Irene Bzdula
Oct. 12	Gianandrea LaRosa	Peter LaRosa, Jr.	Marta Lisbeth Lazzaro
Oct. 20	Krista Ann Morrison	John Malcolm Morrison, Jr.	Shirley Ann Lunham
Oct. 21	Tanya DeCoito	Daniel Thomas DeCoito	Laurie Mae Stevens
Oct. 25	Robert Charles Ouellette	Robert Brian Ouellette	Virginia Florence White
Nov. 1	Angela Marie Pollard	George Albert Pollard	Charlene Ann Gregory
Nov. 10	Robert Michael Hagan	Thomas Edward Hagan	Virginia Jean Ellis
Nov. 19	Gina Marie Spinelli	James Spinelli, Jr.	Claire Grauer
Nov. 23	Erica Villa DePiero	Richard Fabrizio DePiero	Linda Elena Bianchi
Nov. 25	Carisa Lynne Carney	Jeffrey Scott Carney	Kathleen Ann Curtis
Dec. 19	Jason David Townley	David James Townley	Joan Marie O'Neill
Dec. 12	Kristin Ellen Emerson	Robert Ernest Emerson	Joan Audrey Roberts
Dec. 25	Glenn Colby Frazier	Glenn Colby Frazier	Doris Anne Belanger
Dec. 28	Keith Michael Jones	William Michael Jones	Donna Jeanne Sabino

Please report any errors or omissions of Birth Records to the Town Clerk, that the Records may be corrected accordingly.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1972

Date of Marriage	Name of Groom	Residence of Groom	Name of Bride	Residence of Bride
Jan. 11	Joseph Michael Martin, Jr.	Charlestown, Mass.	Holly Anne Hersey	Middleton
Jan. 2	Shelby Ion Hendren	Berwyn, Illinois	Nancy Joan Hendred	Middleton
Feb. 26	Donald Carlton Torrey	Kingston, Mass.	Donna Lee Keating	Middleton
Mar. 3	David Raymond Finnegan	Middleton	Donna Jean Doucette	Lynn, Mass.
Mar. 3	John Arthur Dane	Middleton	Linda Lila McCadden	Salem, Mass.
Mar. 4	David George Perry	Middleton	Kathy Ann Dionne	Middleton
Feb. 20	Donald Ralph Ingalls, Jr.	Middleton	Gayle Elizabeth Lemire	Ipswich, Mass.
Feb. 29	Gary Kenneth Lacey	Lynn, Mass.	Kathleen Frasca	Middleton
Mar. 11	Joseph Andre LeFrancois	Middleton	Lucille L'Heureux	Middleton
Mar. 11	David LeRoy Madden	Danvers, Mass.	Judy Ann Forgione	Middleton
Mar. 18	Edward Francis Solimine, Jr.	North Reading, Mass.	Kathy Ann Knight	Middleton
Mar. 18	Robert Irving Wood	Bangor, Maine	Florence Alice Wood	Middleton
Mar. 18	Dominick Ricucci	Middleton	Mary Imelda Flanagan	No. Reading, Mass.
Apr. 8	Wayne Stuart Lumb	No. Andover, Mass.	Debra Lee Turpel	Middleton
Apr. 22	Robert Walter Wilichoski	Middleton	Margaret Ann Maidmant	Hamilton, Mass.
Apr. 22	Ronald Lee Moore	Menlo Park, Calif.	Barbara Joyce Welenc	Danvers, Mass.
May 13	Leon P. Caron	Lawrence, Mass.	Helen Mutzenard	Lawrence, Mass.
May 28	George Albert Pollard	Middleton	Charlene Ann Gregory	Middleton
May 28	Robert Paul Musik	Lynn, Mass.	Sandra J. Greeley	Lynn, Mass.
June 11	David Myron Lippman	Middleton	Patricia Ann Kay	Middleton
June 25	Arthur Gunnar Peterson, Jr.	Boxford, Mass.	Ilona Classen	Middleton
May 27	Bruce John Woodbury	Middleton	Nora Mary Farrell	Middleton
June 4	Robert John Armitage	Middleton	Rosalind Ann Courtney	Middleton
June 11	Thomas Walter Prince	Georgetown, Mass.	Valerie April LeBlanc	Middleton
June 30	Richard Kimball Jewett	Middleton	Doris Marie Senechal	Amesbury, Mass.
June 18	Kerry Christopher Stickney	Boxford, Mass.	Judith Ann Pellicelli	Middleton
July 8	Philip John Riley	Danvers, Mass.	Janet Marie Richardson	Middleton
Aug. 12	John Michael Gentuso	Middleton	Irene Jean O'Callahan	Salem, Mass.
July 22	Walter Goterch, Jr.	Salem, N.H.	Carole Anne Whitmore	Middleton
Aug. 6	Charles Edward Pickard	Topsfield, Mass.	Alison Anne Knobloch	Middleton
Aug. 27	James Herbert Ogden	Middleton	Maryann Vaillancourt	Methuen, Mass.
Aug. 26	James L. Mahen, Jr.	Topsfield, Mass.	Cheryl A. Quimby	Bedford, N.H.
Sept. 2	Paul Joseph Fitzpatrick	Middleton	Lena Lettice Hart	Lynn, Mass.
Sept. 8	James Peter Grigg	Gloucester, Mass.	Lynda Marie Kinsvater	Middleton
Sept. 9	Earl Francis Brochu	Beverly, Mass.	Kathryn Anne Bailey	Middleton
Sept. 17	Daniel James Maynard	Middleton	Patricia Louise Main	Beverly, Mass.
Sept. 22	Steven Rory Dagley	Danvers, Mass.	Pamela Louise Fransworth	Middleton
Sept. 23	John Edward Larson	Middleton	Dianne Lynne Clarke	Middleton
Oct. 8	Robert William Patterson	Middleton	Laurene Louise Monschein	Middleton
Oct. 21	Stephen D. Crosby	Boston	Suzanne Forgione	Boston
Oct. 21	Arthur Gideon Levesque	Salem, Mass.	Calliope Stackhouse	Middleton
Nov. 18	Carl Lars Solheim	Middleton	Joan Theresa Harvey	Salem, Mass.
Nov. 17	Chandler William Rudd	Andover, Mass.	Darlene Ann Crossley	Middleton
Dec. 1	Dennis Lee Gould	Middleton	Denise Norma Dolloff	Middleton

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1972

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age
Jan. 8	Fred Palombo	57	June 19	Annie (Hilchuk) Rubchinuk	82
Jan. 25	Irma F. Sherman	55	Aug. 3	George A. Stahler	75
Jan. 28	Steven Christopher Lane	14 days	Aug. 12	Charles Philip Baker	73
Feb. 24	Darren Joseph Lindley		Aug. 18	Edward Ellsworth Coffin	83
Feb. 24	Derek James Lindley		Aug. 27	Albert Lincoln Miller	57
Feb. 7	Elizabeth Norwood	71	Sept. 25	Louis W. Harrison	60
Feb. 25	Beverly L. Ellison	55	Sept. 27	Augustine J. Fanning	95
Apr. 5	Eva (Morissette) Corriveau	72	Aug. 4	Charles D. Langille	83
June 12	Eveline Dion	75	Sept. 2	Joseph Citroni	63
May 3	Harry Russell Woodward	90	Oct. 12	Arnold Bradley London	70
May 17	Charles S. Clinch, Sr.	90	Dec. 5	Esther H. Woodbury	77
May 26	Ralph H. Russell	46	Dec. 9	Mary Isabel O'Brien	66
			Dec. 11	Mary R. Cluke Richardson	70

BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past year, the Board of Appeals heard a total of 33 petitions, under the Zoning By-Laws of the Town. Twenty-three of these petitions were granted, with appropriate conditions, and restrictions where applicable. Four petitions were denied; four were withdrawn without prejudice; one petition was postponed till 1973; one petition received no decision, as there is a pending court case which could affect the hearing. One of the petitions denied in January, 1972, was a hold-over from 1971.

Financially, though the Expense Account was overspent, the Advertising and Salary Accounts remained well in the black, with unexpended monies. Therefore, the Board will be returning money to the Town.

The regularly-scheduled hearings of the Board of Appeals are held at Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of each month, at 8 p.m.

A deposit of \$20.00 in the form of a check payable to the Town of Middleton must be presented to the Town Clerk at the time of filing a petition, at least 20 days prior to a scheduled meeting of the Board. Each petitioner may be subject to additional billing if the expense incurred for his hearing exceeds the deposit.

The Board regrets losing the services of Mr. Nathan Hayward, one of our long-time members, who tendered his resignation due to outside personal affairs. Mr. Hayward has served long and well as a member of this Board. A new member, as yet, has not been appointed by the Selectmen.

The Board wants to thank each and all the Town Officials, Department Heads, and operating personnel for their whole-hearted cooperation and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ebbe Wennerberg, Chairman
Philip J. Cataldo, Clerk
Lionel Barrows
Joseph Conceison
Louis Fioretti, Alternate
Robert Kelley, Alternate

ASSESSORS

The following is a recapitulation of the money appropriated by the town of Middleton and the estimated receipts deducted therefrom in the determination of the 1972 tax rate.

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Appropriations	2,675,629.94
Total Appropriations voted to be taken from Available Funds	121,656.58
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay for 1968 and 1971	2,647.50
School Lunch Program	4,621.84
Free Public Libraries.	1,516.50
County Tax	31,660.16
State Recreation Area	7,880.72
Metropolitan Districts Area	179.30
1971 Underestimates of Metropolitan Districts Area	4.57
Mass. Bay Trans. Authority	37,084.00
Mosquito Control Projects	6,084.79
1971 Underestimates of Mosquito Control Projects	4.85
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	439.05
Air Pollution Control Districts	144.86
1971 Underestimates of Air Pollution Control Districts	128.07
Ipswich River Water Shed	354.77
1972 Overlay	35,221.93
Gross amount to be raised	2,925,259.43

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1971 Estimated Receipts from the Local Aid and Agency Funds	507,337.18
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	98,294.95
Licenses	9,392.50
Fines	1,400.00
Protection of Persons and Property	2,823.20
Public Service Enterprises (such as Water Dept. and Electric Light Dept.)	904,472.00
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	2,500.00
Interest; on Taxes and Assessments	5,248.78
Farm Animal Excise	32.00
Town of Danvers. . . lieu of Taxes	2,910.54
M.I.T. . . . lieu of Taxes	2,232.37
Overestimates of Cherry Sheet	3,794.88
Total voted to be taken from Available Funds	194,156.58
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	1,734,594.98
Gross amount to be raised	2,925,259.43
Total estimated Receipts and Available Funds	1,734,594.98
Net amount to be raised by Taxation	1,190,664.45

TOTAL VALUATION

Personal Property	399,660.00
Real Estate	18,712,240.00
Tax Rate	62.30

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Wake, Chairman
Donald A. Aylward
Bernard Greenbaum

BUILDING INSPECTION

Building Inspector

Following is a summary of the Building Permits issued from January 1, 1972 thru December 31, 1972.

No. of Permits	Purpose	Valuation	Fees
15	Dwellings	305,000.00	335.00
9	Garages	17,950.00	72.00
4	Alterations	11,100.00	29.00
30	Additions	65,320.00	218.00
2	Stairs	750.00	2.00
5	Pools	20,700.00	40.00
4	Signs	6,900.00	16.00
6	Barns, Sheds	13,200.00	33.00
1	Foundations	250,000.00	250.00
2	New Business	118,000.00	120.00
1	Restaurant & Bar	25,000.00	25.00
2	Repair Fire		
	Damage	200,700.00	204.00
10	Reshingle Roof	6,699.00	40.00
1	Inspection-Bay		
	Extension	30,000.00	25.00
1	Hose Tower	7,500.00	15.00
1	Vinyl Siding	2,000.00	10.00
3	Demolition		14.00
1	Service Station-		
	Gas Pumps	6,000.00	15.00
1	Equipment Bldg.	5,000.00	10.00
99		\$1,091,819.00	\$1,473.00

I want to thank all inspectors and departments and boards for their cooperation this past year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. William Martin for standing in as Building Inspector while I was ill. It is a good thing for the Town to have capable people available in a time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Campano, Jr.
Building Inspector

Gas Inspector

Permits Issued	45
Fees collected	\$225.00
Inspections made to date	45
Expenses incurred to date	\$ 97.00

Expenses are for mileage only.

Comments:

Since the file cabinet was broken into at or about the time the offices were in the process of being rearranged it will be removed and kept in my office and any information needed or requested will be available and supplied.

Signed, William Fuller
Jan. 14, 1973

Plumbing Inspector

Permits Issued	23
Fees collected	\$146.00
Inspections made to date	46
Expenses incurred to date	\$103.60

Expenses are for mileage only.

Comments:

Some mileage would not have been involved if houses or mailboxes had been marked properly.

Expenses for 1973 will be much higher than they have been due to the amount of time and travel that will be and has been consumed with the condominium under construction.

Signed, William Fuller
Jan. 14, 1973

Wire Inspector

I hereby submit my report as Wire Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1972.

There were 120 permits issued amounting in fees \$120.00. There were 18 New Services: 17 change-overs for larger services due to an increase in load: 15 Temporary Services: 6 3-phase 4-wire Services. The remaining permits were for Oil Burners, Air Conditioners, Swimming Pools and additional wiring.

All wiring has been inspected up to date except 22 jobs which are in the process of construction. A total of over 130 calls have been made since January 1, 1972 covering over 800 Miles. There were many calls made at the request of those planning to have electrical work installed and wanting information. There have been a number of trips to Ferncroft Village where they are building.

I would like to express to the townspeople that it is very important when having electrical work done to have it done by a licensed electrician. I have found many homes with the electrical system overloaded. It is for their safety that electrical work be inspected. It is very important that Swimming Pools, Wading Pools be inspected.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Electric Light Department, the Building Inspector and the people of Middleton for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

John Milbery
Wire Inspector

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

During the year 1972, improvements have continued in the Cemetery: Holly Avenue has been hot-topped, and a new road built around the ledge.

In conjunction with the Tree Department, a stockpile of wood chips has been accumulated, for use by residents of the Town who wish to pick them up at the Cemetery.

Due to continual rising costs it has become necessary to set new rates for the purchase of lots:

Single Grave	\$ 25.00
Perpetual Care	75.00
Recording	<u>1.00</u>
Total	\$101.00
6-Grave Lot	\$150.00
Perpetual Care	225.00
Recording	<u>1.00</u>
Total	\$376.00
12-Grave Lot	\$300.00
Perpetual Care	400.00
Recording	<u>1.00</u>
Total	\$701.00

We wish to call to the attention of residents that there are no funds available for the care of old lots without Perpetual Care.

The Cemetery Commissioners thank the various departments for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lavorgna
Edward Richardson

COMMUNITY NURSE

The role of the Community Nurse appears to be undergoing a revolution. Social and economic changes, advances in technology, and changes in medicine and the patterns of administering health care are partially responsible for the new trend which is taking place in home health care. The broadening of the concept of public health to include prevention and control of chronic as well as communicable disease and the increasing enlightenment of the public of the services offered are demanding a greater assessment of our obligations to the community.

Nursing, as a part of a community health program service, must include the control of disease, the care and rehabilitation of the sick and disabled, and the promotion of healthful living. Providing nursing care and counsel to individuals and their families, both in groups or individually, in clinics or in their own homes, is the responsibility of the Community Nurse. Participating in educational programs of all types is mandatory for the efficient planning and carrying out of the community health program.

Although in the beginning, public health efforts were directed mostly toward the prevention of communicable disease, today efforts are aimed largely at the prevention and control of disease. Public health nursing is not only concerned with physical health but social and mental health is also a major consideration. In general, the comprehensive needs of the whole community must be met.

By helping families to better understand mental, emotional or social problems the handicaps of the family's well-being and obstacles to recovery of the sick may be eradicated.

As you can see, the scope of the Community Nurse is as broad as are the health needs of the people.

A new program was started for the senior citizens of our community. Health counselling sessions are held regularly to provide our elderly with information necessary for the prevention of acute illness and control of chronic disease. Blood pressure clinics are held monthly. It is interesting to note that at the very first clinic held, three persons were referred to their doctors when they were found to be bordering alarmingly high blood pressures. These people are now being treated with medication. Dangerous consequences could have presumably been averted.

Telephone conferences are held with other members of the community, but it is my goal to expand the health sessions to include everyone who wishes guidance in nutrition, health finances, referral resources, etc. or who just wish to rap.

Regular routine procedures saw 135 pre-school children screened for lazy eye. 2 were referred to ophthalmologists. Glasses were prescribed for 1 child. The other required no treatment but is closely supervised by his eye doctor. 2 children had already been found with lazy eyes before the screening clinic was held. They are presently wearing patches as treatment. How tragic it could have been if early treatment had not been initiated.

Flu immunization was administered to 68 town employees and senior citizens in 2 clinics held in the Community Nurse's office. We are constantly conscious of the health of the people of the community. The Board of Health sponsors this anti-flu program in order that town employees and senior citizens may maintain a high caliber of good health.

Immunizations for pre-school children were administered to 30 children in several clinics held throughout the year. 5 children were given protection against polio. Rubella vaccine was administered to 12 pre-schoolers and 5 received DPT immunization. A total of 7 were protected against mumps with 6 receiving measles protection.

There was 1 active case of tuberculosis reported to the state. All contacts of this person were investigated and tested to be sure their health was not impaired. The affected individual is at present being followed by his own private physician through his own prerogative. There are still 5 active cases being closely followed with 11 ex-patients under constant supervision. Contacts who are under surveillance because of direct contact or due to positive reaction when skin-tested number 65.

All food handlers in the town are skin tested yearly. Those who are found to react positively are sent to North Shore Pulmonary Clinic at Salem Hospital for chest x-rays. This is a method of protecting the person himself while assuring the community that only those of unquestionable health are employed by food handling establishments. There were 94 persons tested.

Persons reported to have contagious diseases were visited. All contacts were tested with advice on preventative spread given. There were 17 ill persons and their contacts visited. Childhood communicable diseases reported to the state numbered only 4.

Visiting nurse duties continue to fill the major portion of the day. In 1972 there were 955 visits made to patients for nursing service. Of this number 2 premature infants were seen and 31 full-term new babies were visited. 94 new admissions caused our case load to soar. There were 67 discharged. This left a carry over of 27 to begin the new year. Of these patients 3 received 9 physical therapy visits. A grand total of 1073 people received benefit through Community Nurse services.

Conferences are attended or held regularly throughout the year with nearly every town department involved as well as with scores of area agencies. My philosophy is "Get everyone involved. More power is gained through greater numbers."

Inservice programs attended included one on planning for community health care, a program on venereal disease and another on cystic fibrosis.

I must again express my gratitude to Mrs. Mary P. Santapaula for her unending dependability and faithfulness. The competence with which she performs her duties as my assistant are a valuable asset to the agency and to the community.

Mrs. William Shaw, who became a staff member this year, has added considerably to the efficiency of our agency. By relieving me of secretarial duties and allowing me to perform the duties for which I am responsible, those of nursing, more time can be spent in the community serving its people. For her patience with the chaos which so often exists in our office, I can only say "thanks."

To Mrs. Virginia Stevens, R.N. who continues to answer my calls for help during weekends and holidays go my thanks and appreciation.

To the Nursing Advisory Committee, Medical Advisory Committee and Board of Directors and scores of volunteers, I am indebted.

For a year in which I have received tremendous satisfaction, I thank you all.

Sincerely,

Marie T. Deschamps, R.N.
Community Nurse

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

The Conservation Commission respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1972.

Regular meetings were held on the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00 P.M. at Memorial Hall. These were open to the public which is cordially invited to attend.

This year, as in the past, members of this commission have attended seminars and schooling sessions with the intent of keeping abreast of possible solutions to problems stemming from our social standards and their effects on our environment.

Legislation which became effective last Feb. 7, 1972 gave the Conservation Commission a more effective role in protecting our environment. Amendments to the Hatch Act now require that any necessary hearings regarding filling, or other work in wetlands, be held by the Conservation Commissions instead of mayors or selectmen. It is interesting to note that other amendments to the Hatch Act have enabled concerned people to further regulate the indiscriminate use of wetlands necessary for water supply, flood control, pollution and erosion. These amendments combined both the Hatch Act and the Jones Act into one comprehensive piece of legislation for the protection of some of our resources. It was approved on July 18, 1972, and became effective on October 16, 1972.

In keeping with an open space program we are continuing to cooperate with the County of Essex in the acquisition of land for conservation purposes. The county, to date, has acquired approximately 60 acres in Middleton, most of which lies along the Ipswich River. The county has the necessary funding for land purchase which this commission does not have.

In August, at the request of this commission, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service presented an evaluation and plans for improving an area of approximately 2 acres at the junction of King and Mt. Vernon Streets. This area contains the small pond on the property acquired by the Town of Middleton last March and would be improved for recreational purposes. This proposal is on file and may be considered when the town prepares plans for municipal use of the area.

Through proper legislation and the continued interest and support of the townspeople, we will continue to work towards a sensible and acceptable approach to todays complex living standards. We can no longer accept all things as being done in the name of progress. Toward this end, the members of the Conservation Commission wish to express their gratitude for the interest and support during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Sawyer, Chairman
Leonard W. Kupreance, Secretary
Francis E. Gorham
George M. Farley

COUNCIL ON AGING

At the regular March 1972 Town Meeting, the Council on Aging requested an appropriation of \$1,000.00. This appropriation was to be set aside for the Council on Aging to finance their activities for the year 1972. The Finance Committee endorsed and the Town voted unanimously in favor of it. A list of projects and activities accomplished by the Council follows: February, Valentines Party at the American Legion Hall; March and April, four weeks of country painting and four weeks of stenciling; June, Bus trip to Boston Harbor for boat trip and then to the Prudential Center and Tower; July, annual Paradise Park Chicken Barbecue with over 50 elderly attending; August, Boat trip around Lake Winnebago on the Mt. Washington boat; September, Isles of Shoals trip at Portsmouth, N.H.; October, Educational bus trip to Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and a four week candlemaking course, and a ten week knitting and crocheting course which is to be resumed for another ten weeks in January; November, Christmas arts and crafts course for five weeks; December, 3rd Annual Christmas Party and Dinner for all Senior Citizens of Middleton with over 70 people attending.

The Council has cooperated with Mrs. Marie Deschamps and the Community Nurse Information Service which is held for all Senior Citizens of Middleton every Monday morning between 10:00 – 12 noon at the Community Hall at Orchard Circle.

A branch library has been established rendering services to the elderly at the Community Hall every Tuesday afternoon between 1–3 P.M. with Mrs. Joan DeBoer, volunteer branch librarian.

Transportation to and from the North Shore Shopping Center and Liberty Tree Mall is provided by North Shore Plymouth of Danvers every Thursday morning. Transportation leaves from the Community Hall at 10:00 A.M. and returns there at 1:00 P.M.

Many activities and projects are planned for the up-coming year and the Council on Aging hopes all Senior Citizens of Middleton take part.

The Council wishes to take this opportunity to thank The Board of Selectmen, The American Legion, The Lions Club, all the merchants and business establishments for the financial support given to the Council which made the Christmas party and dinner possible. Also, we wish to thank the Recreation Committee for sponsoring a bus tour in December for the elderly to observe the Christmas lights and decorative displays in many locations.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester V. Morrelli, Chairman
Frank Jones, Financial Secretary
Alice Milbery, Correspondence Secretary
Shirley Raynard, Recording Secretary
Richard Ajootian
Joan DeBoer
Mary Hoctor
Pearl Charron
Corrine Roy



*Knitting and Crocheting Class at
Orchard Circle Recreation Hall*



Christmas Party at American Legion Hall

DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit my report as dog officer for the year ending December 31, 1972.

Complaints received and investigated	196
Dogs restrained	5
Dogs placed in pound	45
Dogs returned to rightful owner	36
Poultry and animals killed by dogs	10
Report of dog bites	49
Stray dogs disposed of	27
Selectmen's hearings on dog complaints	3
Removed dogs killed on highway	28
Miscellaneous cases	210

In making this report I would like to point out that there were 253 delinquent dog owners. The owners were notified to license their dogs and did so without court appearance.

A total of 745 miles was traveled in investigation of the various dog complaints.

Middleton's fourth rabies clinic was held May 5, 1972: 149 dogs and cats were inoculated. A rabies clinic will be sponsored in Town in May, 1973.

I wish to notify all dog owners that their dog licenses are due on April 1, 1973. The penalty for being the owner and/or keeper of a dog 3 months old after March 31st, which has not been licensed, is \$15.00 each.

In closing, I would like to extend my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department, the Town Clerk, and all dog owners, for their splendid spirit and co-operation shown during the year 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Ohlson
Dog Officer

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

The Board of Electric Light Commissioners respectfully submits its report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1972.

During the year, regular and special meetings were held by the Board at its office on South Main St.

Total Power Purchased	27,948,516 kwh
Total Cost of Power	\$383,486.72
Peak Demand	5247 kw
Date Occurred	Mon., Dec. 18, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Services Installed	
3 wire, new	18
3 wire, conversions	17
4 wire, 3 phase, new	6
Temporary Services 3 wire	13
Temporary Services, 4 wire, 3 phase	2

New primary distribution lines constructed overhead	5085 ft.
underground	1443 ft.
Primary distribution lines rebuilt for increased capacity	9745 ft.
New 23KV transmission lines constructed overhead	6680 ft.
underground	293 ft.

Of the above construction, all three phase distribution lines and all overhead transmission lines were constructed of Spacer Cable for maximum strength and reliability.

Installation of the new sub station off Boston Street and its 23 KV supply line from Central Street was completed in 1972 and the station is scheduled to be energized in early 1973.

A rate study was completed by William D. Wilkinson, Rate Consultant and new rates went into effect on May 1, 1972, to incorporate the, previously applied, surcharge into all rates.

Nine new street lights were added to the Street Light System this year for a total of 573 Street Lights. Savings in cost of street lighting service to the Town again reflect approximately \$15,000.00 under cost of similar service to other nearby towns not served by a municipally owned system.

Our December 1972 peak demand was 5247 kw, reflecting an increase of 290 kw or 5.85% above the 1971 system peak demand. Of this demand Central St. Sub station demand was 4519 kw, an increase of 301 kw or 7.14% above that station's 1971 peak.

This department is cooperating with all other member Departments in the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts and Northeast Public Power Association, through their Washington attorneys, in hearings before the Federal Power Commission, to reduce to a minimum any increases in cost of Wholesale Power from the Suppliers.

Paul Kilroy, John Bishop and Gene Trask are continuing their participation in the State Approved Apprentice Training and On the Job Training Program under the direction of Line Foreman, Charles Clinch, Jr.

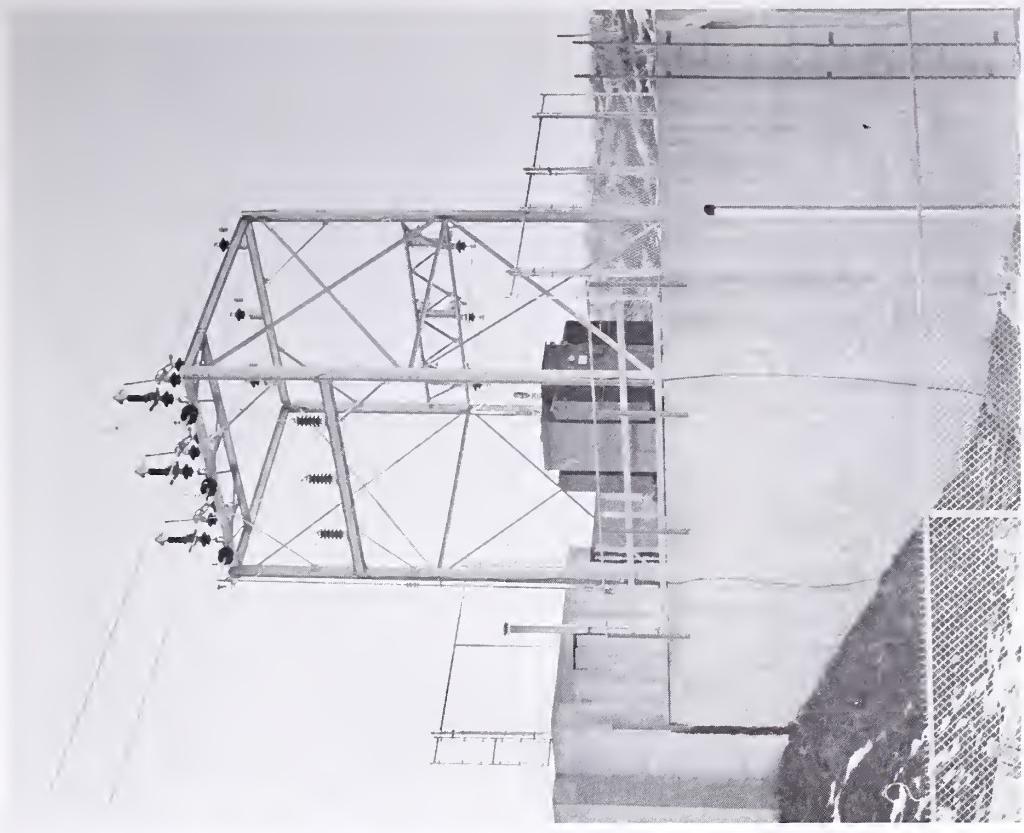
Manager Lansing English was elected president of the Municipal Electric Association for the year 1973.

Our alternating Northeastern student engineers are brothers, James and Louis Sabino. Any Middleton Masconomet Seniors, contemplating continuing education at Northeastern's Power Engineering School is invited to discuss the program with Mr. English.

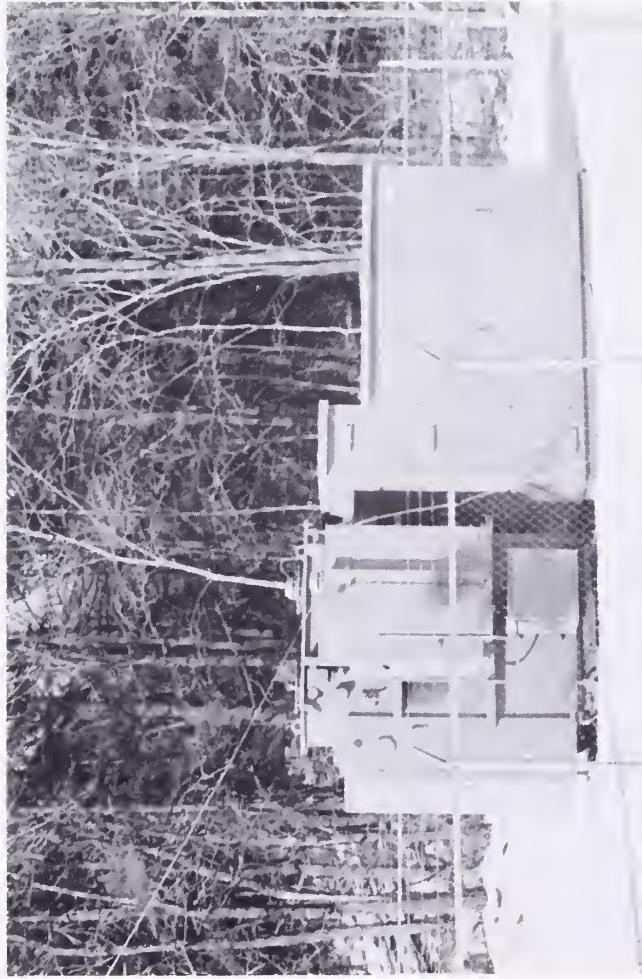
We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Town Officials and all other Town Departments for their helpful cooperation during the past year.

Board of Electric Light Commissioners
Middleton Municipal Light Department

John W. Kinsvater
John T. Dowling
Robert W. Fox



M.I.T. Substation No. 4, 2500 KVA, Bates Linear Accelerator, M.I.T. Laboratory For Nuclear Science; off Maple St.



Middleton No. 2 Substation, 5000 KVA; Off Boston Street

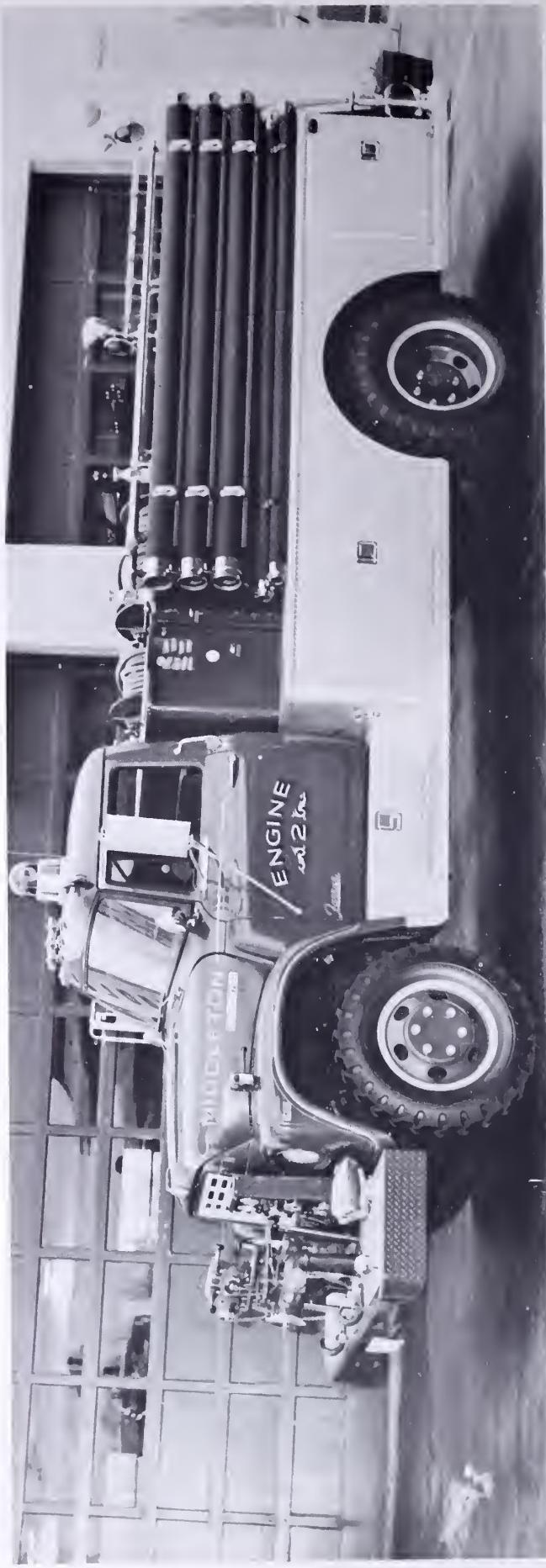


Left to right: J. Kinsvater, J. L. English, J. Dowling

MIDDLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Rebuilt Ladder Truck



New Pumper

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1972.

The Fire Department personnel consists of a permanent chief, deputy-chief, lieutenant, two privates, and a call force of a captain, three lieutenants, and twenty-six privates for a total of thirty-five men. We have two vacancies in the call force at this time.

The roster of the department is as follows:

Chief	Harold F. Purdy
Deputy-Chief	George W. Nash
Captain	James H. Ogden, Sr.
Lieutenant	William J. Hocter
Lieutenant	Charles H. Ohlson
Lieutenant	John M. Cryan
Lieutenant	Richard Collins
Firefighter	Frank Karayianes
Firefighter	Henry Michalski
Firefighter	Chas. S. Clinch, Jr.
Firefighter	Chas. S. Clinch, III
Firefighter	George Dow
Firefighter	Richard Floyd, Jr.
Firefighter	Richard Goodale, Sr.
Firefighter	Richard Goodale, Jr.
Firefighter	Francis Hocter
Firefighter	Andrew Karayianes
Firefighter	Edward Karayianes
Firefighter	Paul Kilroy
Firefighter	George Kimball
Firefighter	David Leary
Firefighter	James K. Martin
Firefighter	Edward Michalski
Firefighter	William Mugford, Jr.
Firefighter	James Muise
Firefighter	Charles Newhall
Firefighter	Carl Ohlson
Firefighter	Carl Peterson
Firefighter	Karl Shuman
Firefighter	Wilbur Witham
Firefighter	Richard Nash

Auxilliary

Samuel Poel
Barry Stevens
James Saulnier

The Fire Department answered 409 calls in 1972. This was an increase of nineteen calls over last year. The calls answered were as follows:

Buildings	17
Automobiles & Trucks	25
Brush, Woods, Rubbish & Grass	44
Dumps	5
Oil Burners	2
Electrical	12
Chimneys	0
Mattresses	1
Ovens & Stoves	8
Washers & Dryers	1
Miscellaneous (Accidents, etc.)	28
Service Calls	75
Rescue & Medical Aid Calls	51

Investigations (Smoke, Gas, etc.)	48
Assist Police	25
Mutual Aid	24
Burning Complaints	9
Nitric Acid Spill	1
Needless	11
False Alarms	22
Total	409

Box Alarms	89
Still Alarms	320
Total	409

Inspections and Permits granted for the following:

Oil Burners	23
Explosives	8
Total	31

There were no permits to burn issued in 1972, as the law bans all outdoor burning. The fact that we answered only nine burning complaints since the law went into effect, indicates very good cooperation from the citizens of the town.

All routine inspections of Town Buildings, Schools, Churches, and mercantile buildings, gasoline service stations, etc., were conducted. Fire Drills were conducted in the schools.

The Fire Alarm system is in good repair. However, we were unable to expand the system this year as the central office equipment has reached its capacity, and must be replaced. This situation has been approaching as mentioned in previous Annual Reports. Hopefully, I am delaying this problem until June, 1974.

I am pleased that a fire detection system is being considered for Memorial Hall. Similar action should be considered for all town owned buildings, particularly Flint Library, and Town Hall, and tied into the fire department.

The space requirements for the department are critical. We need more space for apparatus, an office for the chief, space for fire prevention, storage of records, hose, fire alarm wires, cables, and maintenance parts. We are in need of more adequate training facilities. The relocation of the Highway Department, now in the basement, to new quarters, and giving the Fire Department the use of the entire building, could solve many of these problems.

The base radio station located in headquarters will have to be replaced this year. This unit has been in continuous service since 1954, a total of eighteen years. It was out of service several times this past year. It is the most critical unit in the communications system as it controls all operations. I am requesting funds for its replacement.

I also strongly recommend acceptance of the Boca, Basic Building Code at the Annual Town Meeting. This code will be mandatory for all cities, and towns, in 1975, but with the type of building now being done I feel we need it now.

I am also inserting an article in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting asking for acceptance of the Fire Prevention Code, 1970 Edition, as recommended by the American Insurance Association.

I still feel that the numbering of buildings in town should be completed, also eliminate names of streets which are similar, and to name private ways.

Due to the increasing traffic problem, I recommend installation of proper traffic lights in Middleton Square with control in the fire station.

The drill school is in its eighteenth year of operation with continuing excellent enthusiasm. In addition to first aid training which is updated yearly, we will have four members taking the E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technician) course at Union Hospital, in Lynn, in March, and four in September. This course is held evenings, and includes seventy-one hours of lectures, and demonstrations, and ten hours of in hospital experience.

We need to start a program for purchase of large diameter hose (4 inch) known as above ground water system.

We are in need of additional permanent, and call, personnel, to meet Underwriters recommendations.

In 1972 we finally received delivery of Engine 2, which was voted at the 1970 Annual Town Meeting. It was put in service in June. Also through the generosity of the Middleton Firefighter's Association, and interested citizens of the town, a good used Aerial Ladder truck was purchased, thoroughly gone over, and turned over to the town for one dollar. It has proved its worth several times since put in service in May. This unit also brings all of our equipment into compliance with Underwriters Requirements.

The hose tower voted at Annual Town Meeting is about ninety per cent completed. It is in use but we have some work to do on the outside, waterproof the walls, which we will complete in the spring.

We now man the Police Department communications system nights, and weekends, or whenever there is no one in the office.

If there is a Fire Alarm box available use it for any type of emergency. If you telephone be sure to Dial 774-2211 for emergency only.

For routine department business Dial 774-3226.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Department Heads, and the Citizens of the Town for their cooperation during the year.

To the officers, and men, of the department, my sincere thanks for your efforts to make the department one to be proud of.

Respectfully submitted:

Harold F. Purdy, Chief



BOARD OF HEALTH

In April of this year, a Board of Health was established as independent from the Board of Selectmen. The three members were appointed for terms of one year, two years, and three years.

The regular meetings of the Board of Health were held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Memorial Hall.

The first official acts of the Board included the reappointment of Arthur Donovan as Health Agent and Sanitarian and the awarding of the Sanitary Landfill contract.

The Sanitary Landfill has operated, since June 1, under the supervision of James Currier and Sons, Inc. according to the specifications listed in the contract. It has remained in operation during the same hours, Sunday 8 A.M.-6 P.M., Wednesday 8 A.M.-5 P.M., and Saturday 8 A.M.-6 P.M.

During the special town meeting in September, funds were transferred from the gravel appropriations to a special fund for the leasing of a site for, and preparation of, a nightsoil deposit area. This was necessitated by the inadequacy of the present sanitary landfill. A verbal agreement was made with Richardson Trust and preparation was initiated. Completion of the project is pending.

The Board takes this opportunity to thank town officials and others who have helped in the establishment and operation of the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquelyn Armitage, Chairman
Eugene LeBlanc, Clerk
Edward Jones, M.D.

HEALTH AGENT AND SANITARIAN

I hereby submit my report for the calendar year of 1972 to the Board of Health and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton.

Disposal Works Installers' Permits	12
Permits granted for sewage disposal installations	47
Installations inspected and approved	35
Installations not completed	12
Fees for permits paid to the Town Treasurer	1,439.00
Complaints of unsanitary conditions investigated	105
Water tests taken at public and private bathing areas	63
Contagious diseases reported (Pub. & Pvt. water supply)	22
Animal bites reported to Board of Health	49
Food serving establishments inspected	18
Travel vaccinations visas approved	3
Conferences held with State officials relative to health matters requiring State approval	32
Conferences with Welfare Department	2
Conferences with Community Nurse	6
Fee for installer's permits for sanitary sewage works	
Exp. date 12/31 of each year	25.00
Partial replacement of sanitary sewage works	15.00
Complete replacement of sanitary sewage works	25.00
Commercial installation of sanitary sewage works	45.00
Condemnations	1
Rat Control Program at Town Dump	1 Cases of bait
Red Tide Shell Fish Contamination Markets and Restaurants notified	6
Site for Night Soil deposit of raw sewage excavated and partially prepared on property leased from the Richardson Trust for one year @	\$1000.00

Arthur R. Donovan



Left to right: E. Leblanc, J. Armitage, Chairwoman, Dr. E. Jones.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Herewith is the report of the Highway Department for the year 1972:

Snow Removal

Snow Removal money was expended as follows:

Labor	\$15,210.99
Equipment	10,604.35
Sand	3,945.18
Salt	7,138.35
Snow Plow—Blades & Parts	2,874.09
Massachusetts—Public Works	89.35
	\$39,862.31

Chapter 81

The usual patching, drainage, and general maintenance work was done; the following streets were resurfaced:

6 Forest Street	.50 miles
7 Gregory Street	.57 miles
11 Lake Street	.80 miles
12 Liberty Street	.50 miles
21 Pleasant Street	.24 miles
28 Webb Street	.70 miles
38 Pinedale Road	.25 miles

Chapter 90 Construction

A new section of Forest Street is nearly ready for surfacing; it should be completed in the Spring.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

This money was expended on Boston and Lowell Streets, which were hot-topped.

Highway Expenses

This account takes care of all expenses not covered by Chapter 81 and 90. The continual increase over the last few years is due to pay raises.

Storm Drains

This money was expended on Lake Street, Liberty Street, Highland Road, East Street, and North Main Street; all catch basins were cleaned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan G. Marshall
Highway Surveyor

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Middleton Housing Authority respectfully submits its seventh annual report for the calendar year ending on December 31, 1972.

The housing for the elderly at Orchard Circle completed fifty one months of occupancy on this date.

Five apartments were vacated and re-leased during the year and we have 37 applications on file.

At the annual election Mr. Richard G. Goodale was re-elected as a member of the authority.

An audit of the financial transactions and the books of record was taken in February and approved by the State Auditor.

The Authority wishes to thank the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Highway Department for their kind assistance as well as the Town Officials, Community Services and the Department of Community Affairs of the Commonwealth for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Goodale, Chairman
Carl A. Peterson
Louis A. Barrett
George W. Miller
Dominic Pellicelli

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 1972

The Industrial Development Commission respectfully submits their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1972.

No meetings were required this year due to the current economic situation. During the year 1972 the Commission received only one inquiry. This was concerned with locating a small machine shop and we were successful in finding a site. Other small industries did move to Middleton without need of assistance from the Commission.

The year probably closed out as a net loss due to the impending relocation of a major concern. It appears that this loss was directly due to the high price of industrially zoned land available for expansion of that industry firm. In the past we have often failed to gain industry for that reason, however, this is the first relocation out of Middleton due to such a cause.

The Commission has informally explored areas of resolve, for the above mentioned problem, with other committees, particularly the Board of Selectmen. It appears that to obtain an increased tax base that rezoning of the present industrial land must be explored.

The Commission welcomes this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Board of Assessors, and other boards and citizens who have assisted us during the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman
John Violette
Douglas Nelson

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

I hereby submit my report as inspector of animals for the year ending December 31, 1972:

REPORT OF ANIMAL BITES

Animals quarantined for ten days, for suspicion of rabies, and released. (Chapter 129 General Laws, T.E.).

Dogs	40
Cats	

ANIMALS INSPECTED AND RELEASED.

	Grade	Purebreed
Number of milk cows and heifers two years old and older	442	0
Number of dairy heifers one or two years of age	1	1
Number of heifers calves under one year	32	
Number of dairy bulls	11	0
Number of beef cattle	24	8
Number of horses		67
Number of ponies		62
Number of sheep		7
Number of goats		3
Number of swine		42
Number of burros		3

A total of 617 miles was traveled inspecting livestock, and quarantined dog bites.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Ohlson
Inspector of Animals

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. James Coffin, Sr. was elected to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Donald Alyward's decision not to run for his tenth term as a member of the Board of Trustees.

In April the Trustees accepted, with regret, the resignation of its Librarian, Philip Northway. However, most of the programs initiated by Mr. Northway are being continued and whenever possible, expanded. The biggest barrier to this endeavor is the continued lack of space for future programs and materials.

Story-hours for preschoolers are still being conducted weekly at the Library and Fuller-Meadow School through the continued co-operation of the School Department. Our new story tellers are Mrs. Jacquelyn Comer and Mrs. Patricia Kelley. Jacquelyn is a welcome newcomer to Middleton and Pat substitutes for her whenever necessary.

Prior to the Christmas holidays an adult demonstration in "Cake Decorating" was being held at the Fuller Meadow School on Fridays between the hours of ten and eleven a.m. This program was heavily dependent upon the volunteer services of Mrs. Florence Peart and Mrs. Margaret Ajootian who were both assisted by Mrs. Page Campbell of our staff. On Wednesdays during the same season and time of day, Mrs. Chitose Messenger volunteered to teach adult classes in "Origami" or the "Artistry of Paper Folding" at the Flint.

We have also extended services to the elderly through the sincerity of our very special volunteer, Mrs. Joan DeBoer. On every Tuesday from one to three p.m. Joan transports some of the library to Orchard Circle in the form of books, magazines, records and other materials. Working through Mrs. Dorothy English and along with the other staff members it is hoped that the elderly will eventually be introduced to the entire library. Plans for continuing the film program at Orchard Circle are being finalized while a similar service at the Middleton Colony is already underway.

Mrs. Geraldine Shipley donated her talents in Candle-making to the library on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Grade schoolers created with wax until the annual time for Christmas vacation.

With the ending of previous classes and the beginning of a new year two clubs were initiated. The "Stamp Club" meets in the library on Tuesday at seven p.m. and the "Coin Club" at the same hour on Wednesdays.

Mini-Prints for the children have been added to the framed art collection and the local schools have extended their use of the films and filmstrips.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Christine Kunz, a sixth grade teacher at the Howe-Manning School, the entire class has been rewardingly exposed to library materials. This was accomplished through visits, homework assignments requiring the use of a variety of references and quizzes.

We are presently attempting to familiarize the community with the expanded inter-library loan service. This is a bookmobile that presently circulates materials between participating libraries five mornings a week. It replaces the prior system of waiting for requests to arrive through the mails with the exception of some rare titles that may have to be circulated from Cape Cod, New Bedford or other distant areas. In these instances we are still dependent upon the postal service.

STATISTICS

Attendance	14885
Circulation of materials	
Adult books (F.P.L.)	7749
Children's books (F.P.L.)	7639
Bookmobile books	4215
Inter-Library loan books	145
Framed art	100
Recordings	1285

Filmstrips	132
Films	171
Talking books	162
Periodicals	1332
Pamphlets	69
Headphones	919
Registration, new	205
Volumes added	1059
Volumes discarded	1789
Inter-library requests	174
Bookmobile requests	216
Story hours	47

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Coffin, Chairman Trustees
Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.
Carl C. Jones
David W. Kelley
Rita M. Kelley
Paul B. Wake
Virginia F. Wentworth, Librarian

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDS

Balance, Jan. 1, 1972	1,703.75
Income:	
Fines on overdue books	225.10
Books lost or damaged	2.00
B.F. Emerson Fund	519.44
Charles L. Flint Fund	316.49
Mary E. Emerson Fund	169.04
Walter S. Flint Fund	110.64
Lexington Ave. & 42nd St. Corp.	20.00
Check lost in transit	69.05
Total Income	1,431.76
Total Funds Available	3,135.51
Expenditure:	
Books	798.27
Magazines	50.90
Total Expenses	849.17
Balance, Dec. 31, 1972	\$ 2,286.34

MARY ESTY EMERSON FUND

E.O. Campbell Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:	
Mary Esty Emerson Fund, principal On deposit, Danvers Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1972	\$ 2,500.00 3,057.73

WALTER S. FLINT MEMORIAL FUND

E.O. Campbell Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:	
Walter S. Flint Memorial Fund, principal On deposit, Danvers Savings Bank, Dec. 31, 1972	\$ 2,000.00 2,000.00

CHARLES L. FLINT FUND

E.O. Campbell Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:	
Charles L. Flint Fund, principal	\$ 5,000.00
On deposit in banks, Dec. 31, 1972:	
Salem 5c Savings Bank	\$ 986.88
Salem Savings Bank	510.73
Danvers Savings Bank	1,420.40
Essex-Broadway Savings Bank	2,866.96
Total	\$ 5,784.97

B.F. EMERSON TRUST FUND

Received from Naumkeag Trust Co.	
Salem in 1972 (Trustee)	519.44

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. Campbell, Jr., Treasurer
Board of Trustees

APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriation for Salaries	\$16,800.00
Expended:	
Librarian	\$ 1,979.19
Custodian	1,200.00
Other employees	11,578.39
Total Salaries	<u>14,757.58</u> <u>2,042.42</u>
Appropriation for Expenses	11,160.98
Add-Dog Tax	1,032.52
State Aid	1,516.50
Total	13,710.00
Expended:	
Books	4,138.15
Magazines	1,295.73
Fuel	524.33
Electricity	417.35
Water	36.00
Insurance	638.00
Maintenance	450.50
Equipment	782.23
Librarian's Supplies	1,199.96
Janitor's Supplies	118.63
Telephone	186.55
Audio-Visual	516.98
Association Dues & Meetings	119.50
Professional Training Courses	62.00
Miscellaneous	67.39
Total Expenses	10,553.30
Balance, Returned to Revenue	3,156.70

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The year 1972 was a rather exasperating one for the Essex County Mosquito Control Project. Mother nature in providing abnormal rainfall to the area also provided ideal conditions for almost continuous breeding of mosquitoes. The woodland pools which normally dry up during mid summer produced many consecutive broods of the insect summer long. The cool, cloudy, wet weather extended the longevity of the mosquitoes and species which ordinarily are considered only as night-biters were on the wing during daylight hours because of the ever-present high humidity.

Aside from the natural obstacles the Project was inadvertently caught up in the austerity program at state level. While the monies expended for mosquito control are assessed in return upon each of the twenty-two municipalities enrolled based on equalized valuation and land area, they are originally incorporated in the overall state budget. By failing to appropriate the full amount for the Essex County Project, the Great and General Court decreased the Fiscal 1973 budget by forty thousand (40,000) dollars or approximately twenty-three (23) percent. The direct result of this action was a reduction in personnel employed by the Project and a corresponding cut back in services rendered during the last six months of 1972. This reduction will also be in effect during the first six months of 1973.

Because of the expense of operation and maintenance of heavy equipment the program of permanent work such as drainage ditching, and water management was severely curtailed and many of the planned activities necessarily postponed.

It is indeed unfortunate that the Essex County Mosquito Control Project through no fault of its' own should be forced to cut back on its' services at a time when the public is demanding a greater effort. It is equally unfortunate that this cut back should coincide with one of the wettest years ever experienced in the area.

In spite of the above mentioned obstacles the Project is pleased to report the following activity in Middleton during 1972:

Prehatch or winter ice dusting - 71 acres.

Application of larvicide to open water - 24 acres.

Fogging to control adult mosquitoes on June 14, 15, 21, 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17.

We wish to thank the residents of Middleton for their continued cooperation and understanding and barring any further interference with our fiscal appropriations we look to 1973 as a year of further progress toward the reduction of the mosquito problem in Essex County.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Spencer
Superintendent

PARK DEPARTMENT

RECREATION PARK

During the past year a great deal of time was required just to pick up beer cans and broken bottles in this area. At this writing, the ball field has been cut to ribbons by drivers who go in circles. This, coupled with the fact that snow is dumped in the area and does not melt until late in the springtime, makes the outlook for use of the Park early in the spring very glum.

JOHN HOCTOR PARK

The skating area was improved during the year, and has been flooded.

FULLER-MEADOW SCHOOL AREA

In conjunction with the School Department, we have installed playground equipment in this area.

We thank the various departments in the Town for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest R. Gould

Editor's Note:

We suggest that the persons who like to cut circles in cars, buy a pair of skates and learn to cut circles on the ice. It requires quite a bit of work, but Middleton would be proud to have a Figure Skating Team.

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1972.

With three of our five positions vacant, we were unable to commence activities until May, but held some twenty-five meetings thereafter.

Various joint sessions were held with Selectmen and the Finance Committees, and all Town Department Heads were invited to at least one session in order to review upcoming personnel requirements.

In anticipation of the meeting with the department heads, they were issued three page evaluation outlines for each job under their area of responsibility. Compliance in providing the requested information met with limited success so that restructuring of work classifications and descriptions was necessarily curtailed.

Having solicited information from numerous town employees and department heads, comparing our package with other towns, and ultimately meeting with the Town's representative from Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the Personnel Board has recommended that the Town commence contributing 75% of Blue Cross-Blue Shield payments.

Wage deliberations and adjustments for the upcoming year had to consider the following in addition to the normal requests and merits of the employees.

- 18 month fiscal year, requiring projection for first half of 1974
- Economic Stabilization Act limiting increases to 5.5% per bargaining unit
- Legislative action requiring salaries for Police Chief and Fire Chiefs to be 1.5 times that of their respective Patrolmen and Firefighters
- Reassignment of Police telephone function to Fire Department on part time basis

What we feel to be the most suitable composite submission resulting from these factors and others is offered as a separate article (Personnel Compensation Plan) to which we hope you will give your full consideration.

We would like to thank all of those who met with us or otherwise assisted during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Caulfield
Edward E. Coffin
Alexander J. Papielski
John Pellicelli
Richard O. Wadsworth

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board respectfully submits their report for the year ending December 31, 1972.

Twelve regular meetings were held at Memorial Hall, South Main St. on the second Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m.

At the April meeting the board re-organized with the following officers elected: Chairman, Donald H. Hall; Clerk, Louis Cerullo.

At the regular meetings the board signed 15 plans "Approval under the Subdivision Control Law Not Required." Nine plans of business additions or new businesses were reviewed by the board for their recommendations to the Building Inspector and the Board of Appeals.

Two special meetings were held to expedite action on three plans brought before the board where there was a question of frontage on an existing street.

No public hearings were held on the matters of rezoning or subdivision plans.

Particularly noteworthy this year were the nine instances of proposals for new grassroots businesses or expansions of existing businesses.

At least four informal discussions concerning the possible rezoning of residential land to business were recorded during the year.

The Board enjoyed the cooperation of the other boards of the town and extends its thanks to all.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Hall, Chairman
 Louis S. Cerullo, Clerk
 Louis Barrett
 Eugene LeBlanc
 Robert Preytis

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report of the Middleton Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1972.

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Edward J. Richardson, Chief of Police
 Robert T. Peachey, Sergeant
 William Barrett, Patrolman
 Henry A. Bouchard, Patrolman
 Paul F. Armitage, Patrolman
 Paul J. Peters, Patrolman

REGULAR SPECIALS

Louis J. Fedullo, Robert Hurd
 Earl R. Peachey, Orin A. Nelson
 Robert W. Fox



Chief Edward J. Richardson

OFFENSES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Assault	1
Assault and Battery	1
Assault and Battery on a Police Officer	3
Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	4
Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon	3
Attaching Improper Registration Plates	1
Attempt to Commit a Crime	3
Breaking and Entering in the Night-Time	10
Breaking and Entering in the Day-Time	3
Breaking Glass in a Building	3
Breaking Glass on a Public Way	1
Defective Equipment	3
Disorderly Person	14
Disturbing the Peace	2
Drunkenness	50
Escaped Person	12
Failing to Drive in Marked Lanes	2
Failing to Stop for a Police Officer	5
Improper Display of Registration Plates	2
Insane Person	5
Larceny over \$100.00	11
Larceny under \$100.00	6
Larceny of a Motor Vehicle	1
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	1
Lewd and Lascivious Person	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	8
Minor Transporting Alcoholic Beverage	1
Non Payment of Wages	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle so as to endanger	4
Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Drugs	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of Liquor	22
Operating a Motor Vehicle after Revocation of License	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License	4
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a valid license	7
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a valid License in possession	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Registration in possession	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a current Inspection Sticker	1
Operating an uninsured Motor Vehicle	8
Operating an unregistered Motor Vehicle	8
Passing another Motor Vehicle with an Obstructed view	1
Possession of a Dangerous Weapon	3
Possession of Fireworks	2
Possession of a Hypodermic Needle	1
Possession of a Motor Vehicle with an Altered Vehicle Identification Number	3
Receiving Stolen Property	11
Refusing to move motor vehicle Obstructing Right of Way	1
Selling Mortgaged Property	1
Speeding	4
Using a Motor Vehicle Without Authority	9
Wanted Persons	1
Total	254

**MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES FOR WHICH
COMPLAINTS WERE ISSUED
(SUMMONS)**

Allowing an Improper Person to Operate a Motor Vehicle	4
Attaching Improper Registration Plates	18
Defective Equipment	64
Displaying Expired Registration Tab	1
Excessive Smoke from a Motor Vehicle	5
Failing to Drive Within Marked Lanes	9
Failing to slow at an Intersection	1
Failing to Stop for a Pedestrian	1
Failing to Stop for a Stop Sign	3
Failing to Stop for a Police Officer	5
Failing to Stop for a School Bus Discharging Passengers	2
Failing to use Care in Passing	5
Failing to use Care in Starting, Stopping or Turning	13
Failing to Keep to the Right of the Traveled Part of the way	2
Failing to Signal Turn	1
Following another Motor Vehicle too Close	2
Impeded Operation of a Motor Vehicle	1
Improper Display of Registration Plates	19
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License	4
Obstructing the Movement of Traffic	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle so as to Endanger	9
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License in Possession	25
Operating a Motor Vehicle without Lights	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Registration in Possession	34
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License	10
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle	23
Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle	24
Passing Another Motor Vehicle with an Obstructed View	34
Passing Another Motor Vehicle on the Right	2
Periodic Inspection Sticker	50
Possession of an Altered Inspection Sticker	4
Possession of an Altered License	1
Possession of a Stolen Inspection Stocker	2
Speeding	285
Violation of Learner's Permit	5
Total	673

**OFFENSES ON FILE
AND WARNINGS ISSUED**

Attaching Improper Registration Plates	1
Defective or Improper Equipment	43
Discharging Firearms	7
Disposal of Rubbish on a Highway or Private Property	13
Dog Complaints	28
Excessive Smoke from a Motor Vehicle	1
Failing to Keep to the Right of a Traffic Island	1
Failing to Drive Within Marked Lanes	4
Failing to Slow for Horse and Rider	1
Failing to use Care in Passing	1
Failing to use Care in Starting, Stopping or Turning	5

Following another Motor Vehicle too Close	2
Hunting Without Permission of the Landowner	32
Impeded Operation of a Motor Vehicle	3
Improper Display of Registration Plates	15
Improper Display of Lights on a Motor Vehicle	2
Mini Bike Complaints	10
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License in Possession	13
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Registration in Possession	24
Passing Another Motor Vehicle with an Obstructed View	13
Periodic Inspection Sticker	20
Snow Mobile Complaints	17
Speeding	187
Stop Sign or Flashing Red Light	11
Trespassing on Private Property	38
Total	492

MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance Cases	83
Automobile Accidents Investigated	143
Automobile Accidents Reported, not Investigated	69
Camp and House Checks Made by Police Department	420
Complaints Received and Investigated	1074
Cruiser Cases	41
Dogs and Other Animals Shot by Police Department	8
Escaped Persons Returned to Danvers State Hospital	12
Man Hours Spent in Superior and District Courts	627
Messages Delivered	153
Missing and Lost Persons Located	25
Sudden Deaths	1
Summons and Warrants Served	275
Total	2,931



Left to right: Chief Richardson, Sgt. Peachy, Ptrm. Peters, Ptrm. Armitage.

Turned over to Town Treasurer for Accident Reports	\$ 353.00
Turned over to Town Treasurer for Permits to Carry Firearms	298.00
Turned over to Town Treasurer for Firearm Identification Cards	90.00
Stolen Property Recovered and Restitution	72,989.28
Court Fines as the Result of Police Cases	<u>9,575.00</u>
Total	\$83,305.28

There were 22 residents who lost their drivers licenses as a result of improper motor vehicle operation.

Police attended all fire alarms when available, and assisted the Fire Department in investigating all false alarms of fire.

There were 54 stolen motor vehicles recovered, which resulted in 9 arrests of occupants.

As in the past, the Police Department has conducted many investigations not listed which have been settled satisfactorily to all concerned without making arrests or taking court action.

During the past year changes in the personnel of the Police Department have taken place. David W. DiTomaso resigned to accept a position at Cape Elizabeth, Maine. On September 30, Chief James W. Wentworth retired after devoting 23 years of his life to the Police profession. With the retirement of Chief Wentworth, the Police Department office was moved from his home to temporary quarters in Memorial Hall.

On November 11, Paul F. Armitage and Paul J. Peters were appointed regular Police Officers, and Robert T. Peachey was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

In closing I would like to extend my gratitude to Chief Wentworth for his assistance in the transition of the Police Department from his command to mine. The men of the department are to be commended for their prompt response and efficiency of operation. A sincere thanks is extended to the State Police, Officials of the Town of Middleton and last but not least, the residents of the town, for any assistance given to this Department. Sincere thanks also to the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation and for giving me the opportunity to serve the Town of Middleton as Chief of Police.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Richardson
Chief of Police

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I am pleased to submit the following report on my activities for my first year of service to the town of Middleton. 1972 has been a very successful year for me. It gave me the opportunity to work in the area of public service, an area that I had always believed would be very rewarding, in a town I like, and with a people that I have become very fond of.

The Board of Selectmen have reported on much of my work for them, however as their assistant I have worked with many of the town committees and departments and I would like to report on some of these efforts.

At the insistence of Mr. Bill Fox and with some help from me the town is now qualified to receive additional assistance from Civil Defense. This assistance provides access to various forms of military surplus and government excess property. Many of the town departments have already taken advantage of this help.

With Mr. Joseph Campano and the Solid Waste Study Committee we have developed a proposal for solid waste management that will be further refined for presentation to other town committees during 1973.

The Guidance department at Masconomet has been able to use my help in dealing with the problems of some Middleton students and the Science department has asked me to speak to both Junior and Senior High students on the subject of 'Experimental Psychology.'

The heads of the Highway and Park & Tree departments have always been most helpful to me and men of these departments have always responded promptly to the needs of the Town.

With Mr. George Dow and Mr. Robert Murphy, former and present town accountants, the development of the 1971 and 1972 town reports has been a very useful way to learn a great deal about the town and its operation.

I thank the Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to serve and I thank the people of Middleton for accepting me.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee holds open meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month commencing at 7 P.M. at Town Hall on Maple Street.

The past summer saw the reorganization of the Recreation Committee into a seven member group for the purposes of more effective supervision, control and attention to the rapidly expanding recreational activities within the Town. Since the reorganization, the Committee has restructured and reorganized all current Fall-Winter activities and placed them under the direct supervision of volunteer Program Chairmen. Planning is underway to establish the Spring-Summer 1973 programs, on the same basis.

The Committee is also representing the Town at current discussions concerning the utilization of recreational facilities at Masconomet with the Masconomet Regional Leisure Time & Study Group.

The Committee has researched, planned and costed a Community Center for the Townspeople utilizing the Town Hall on Maple Street. A proposal to fund this activity will be brought before the Annual Town Meeting in March 1973.

The Committee has accepted with regret, the resignations of Mr. Robert Sweet and Mrs. Barbara Gayton due to personal commitments, and has welcomed two newly appointed members in Mr. Daley of Meadow Drive and Mr. Earl Jones of Walnut Lane.

The Committee has always faced a critical shortage of volunteers to supervise programs for the youngsters. This year we face the possibility of being able to provide a Community Center for all the people of the Town. The costs of providing such a center have been kept to a minimum through the planned use of volunteer workers to accomplish the needed renovations and clean-up work. There is therefore a greater need than ever, for volunteer help. We again urge that all interested people who are able to donate some leisure time or help, contact the Recreation Committee, as soon as possible.

Planning for the second annual Winter Carnival is underway with prospective dates for this year of February 19th through February 23rd.

Your cooperation and support over the past year has been greatly appreciated. Special thanks are given to the many people who have volunteered time and effort to provide recreation programs and activities for the town, for without them, there would be no recreation.

We look forward to serving you over the next year and invite you to bring your ideas and suggestions before the Committee at any of our regular meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Middleton Recreation Committee

Mr. J. Deasy, Chairman
Mrs. J. Ulbin, Secretary
Mr. J. Barrett, Treasurer
Mrs. J. Shipley
Mr. M. Daley
Mrs. V. Wentworth
Mr. E. Jones







SCHOOL REPORT

School Committee

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman
 Bruce Russell, Secretary
 Francis X. Masse
 W. Pike Messenger
 Norman Nathan

Term Expires 1973
 Term Expires 1975
 Term Expires 1973
 Term Expires 1974
 Term Expires 1975

Superintendent
 Francis N. Fitzgerald
 Office: Howe-Manning School Telephone 774-3517

SCHOOL CENSUS October 1, 1972

Age Group	Total
7 yrs. to 15 yrs. 11 mos.	859
6 yrs. to 6 yrs. 11 mos.	94
5 yrs. to 5 yrs. 11 mos.	89
4 yrs. to 4 yrs. 11 mos.	79
3 yrs. to 3 yrs. 11 mos.	61
2 yrs. to 2 yrs. 11 mos.	66
1 yr. to 1 yr. 11 mos.	60
0 yr. to 0 yr. 11 mos.	51
Private School Pupils	21

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1973

Open January 2, 1973	Close February 16, 1973
VACATION – ONE WEEK	
Open February 26, 1973	Close April 13, 1973
VACATION – ONE WEEK	
Open April 23, 1973	Close June 20, 1973
SUMMER VACATION	
Open September 5, 1973	Close December 21, 1973
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
May 28	October 8 and 22
(and such other days as the School Committee may designate)	
November 21	
—The School Calendar may be subject to change—	

AGE OF SCHOOL ADMISSION

All children born on or before December 31, 1967 are eligible to attend Grade One in September, 1973. No entrance tests for exceptions to this age requirement are given.

All children born on or before December 31, 1968 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September, 1973. No entrance tests for exceptions to this age requirement are given.

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

The following no school signals have been adopted:

- a. 2-2-2 blast on the fire alarm
- b. 2 blasts at the U.S. Machinery Corp.
- c. Radio Stations WHDH, WRKO, WMEX, WEEI, Boston; WESX, Salem; and WMLO, Danvers, will carry an announcement on their regular no-school broadcasts.

The signal for the Elementary Schools will be at 7:15 a.m.

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

Certificates for the employment of minors between the ages of 14-18 may be obtained from Mrs. Lynch at the Superintendent's Office of the Masconomet Regional High School during regular office hours.

MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1972

Name	Degree When Received	Scholastic Preparation	Position	Date of Appointment	
Francis N. FitzGerald	BSED MED CAGS	- 1953 - 1959 - 1963	Salem State College Boston State College Boston University	Superintendent	Aug. 1971
Eugene C. Winter, Jr.	BSED MEd	- 1951 - 1966	Lowell State College Boston University	Superv'g. Principal	Aug. 1967
Ruth Chasse	BA MEd	- 1959 - 1961	Mt. St. Vincent College Lesley College	Special Educ. Resource Teacher	Jan. 1965 Sept. 1958
Philip A. Flowers	BSBA MEd	- 1960 - 1962	Merrimack College Salem State College	Elem. Guid. Counselor	Sept. 1966
Louise M. Barry	BS	- 1971	Salem State College	Kindergarten	Feb. 1972
Sandra Budzinski	MEd	- 1971	Northeastern University	Kindergarten	Sept. 1966
Catherine Driscoll	BS	- 1955	Fordham University	Kindergarten	Sept. 1971
Martha Soule	BS	- 1972	Tufts University	Kindergarten	Sept. 1972
Cornelia deSchepper	MEd	- 1971	Boston University	Grade 1	Sept. 1971
Wilhemine Hall	BS	- 1972	Salem State College	Grade 1	Sept. 1972
Eileen Hammond	BSEd	- 1939	Boston College	Grade 1	Sept. 1962
Rosemary Janco	BSEd	- 1969	Salem State College	Grade 1	Sept. 1969
Beverly Napieracz	MED	- 1970	University of Hartford	Grade 1	Sept. 1970
RoseMarie Dorman	BSEd	- 1970	Salem State College	Grade 2	Sept. 1970
Villa Lavorgna	Diploma	- 1934	Farmington State Teachers Col.	Grade 2	Sept. 1960
Veronica McIntosh	AB	- 1938	Mt. St. Mary's College	Grade 2	Sept. 1964
Faylene Webber	Diploma	- 1932	Farmington Normal	Grade 2	Sept. 1964
Vera Carlson	AB	- 1949	Boston University	Grade 3	Sept. 1969
Eleanor Cassidy	BSEd	- 1941	Salem State College	Grade 3	Sept. 1955
Paul Kellogg	BA	- 1972	University of Mass.	Grade 3	Sept. 1972
Janet Riley	BS	- 1971	Salve Regina College	Grade 3	Sept. 1971
Ann Steinberg	MEd	- 1968	Northeastern University	Grade 3	Sept. 1971
Mary Ann Amero	BA	- 1965	Riviera College	Grade 4	Sept. 1966
Susan Cohen	MEd	- 1972	Boston University	Grade 4	Sept. 1966
Roslyn Goldman	BS	- 1971	Salem State College	Grade 4	Sept. 1971
Sandra Meier	MA	- 1969	Shippensburg State College	Grade 4	Sept. 1970
Sharman Brisson	BS	- 1971	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1971
Christine Deasy	MEd	- 1970	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1969
Richard Gannon	BS	- 1972	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1972
J. Nellie Johnston	MEd	- 1963	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1949
Joyce Williamson	BS	- 1963	Salem State College	Grade 5	Feb. 1968
Mary Curreri	BS	- 1970	Salem State College	Grade 6	Sept. 1970
Carol Doherty	BS	- 1967	Boston State College	Grade 6	Sept. 1967
John Goldsmith	BS	- 1971	University of Mass.	Grade 6	Sept. 1972
Christine Kuntz	BS	- 1964	Cedar Crest College	Grade 6	Sept. 1972
Harry Mavragis	MEd	- 1966	Salem State College	Grade 6	Sept. 1967
Steven Denson	MA	- 1969	North Michigan University	Music	Sept. 1970
Henrietta Giannino	MA	- 1940	New York University	Phys. Educ.	Sept. 1960
Barbara Jackman	BS	- 1957	Boston University	Art	Sept. 1969
Rose King	MEd	- 1961	Boston University	Reading	Sept. 1956
Georgia Lewis	MEd	- 1966	Salem State College	Percept. Handi.	Sept. 1969
Carlotta Miller	MEd	- 1963	Boston University	Speech Therapist	Mar. 1971
Carolyn White	BS	- 1954	Castleton State Teachers Col.	Tester-Coach	Sept. 1964

MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Employees 1972

Name	Position	Date of Appointment	Name	Position	Date of Appointment
William Wiswall, M.D.	Physician	Sept. 1960	Mary Emro	Cafeteria Wkr.	Dec. 1963
Bowdoin College			Lorayne Hocter	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1957
Boston University			Patricia Kelley	Cafeteria Wkr.	Oct. 1969
Barbara Bowes, R.N.	Nurse	Jan. 1967	Sally Langis	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1968
Beverly Hospital	Attendance Off'r.	Sept. 1967	Alice Reynolds	Cafeteria Wkr.	Jan. 1965
Ruth I. Sgroi	Secretary (Supt.)	June 1966	Georgia Acheson	Lunchtime Supr.	Feb. 1966
Bryant & Stratton			Judith Evans	Lunchtime Supr.	Jan. 1965
Ann L. Goodale	School Sec'y.	Feb. 1971	Barbara Gayton	Lunchtime Supr.	Sept. 1971
Holten High School			Rose Mugford	Lunchtime Supr.	Feb. 1966
Barbara J. Ryer	School Sec'y.	Jan. 1965	Florence Peart	Lunchtime Supr.	Sept. 1971
Burdett			Frances Porter	Lunchtime Supr.	Sept. 1971
Mary L. Hamilton	School Com. Secy.	Aug. 1963	Evelyn Lennox	Library Aide	Oct. 1967
Hesser Bus. Col.	Part-time Sec'y.		Rita Kelley	Library Aide	Mar. 1966
Mary E. King	Cafeteria Mgr.	Aug. 1958	Daniel Anderson	Custodian	June 1972
B.S. Univ. of N.H.			Perley D. Lovelace	Head Custodian	June 1957
Irene Ashley	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1968	T. Myron Reynolds	Custodian	May 1960
Doris Carroll	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1968	Ralph Russell	Night Custodian	Jan. 1965
Helen Doucette	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1959	Ronald Stevens	Supr. Maint/Cust.	Dec. 1972
			Victoria Young	Lunchtime Supr.	Jan. 1963

TEACHER-GRADE DISTRIBUTION October 1, 1972

Teacher	Gr. 1	Gr. 2	Gr. 3	Gr. 4	Gr. 5	Gr. 6	Spec.	Kind.	Total
Mrs. Hall	21								21
Mrs. Hammond	20								20
Mrs. Janco	25								25
Miss Napieracz	13								13
Mrs. Dorman		22							22
Mrs. Lavorgna		22							22
Mrs. McIntosh		22							22
Mrs. Webber		22							22
Mrs. Carlson			23						23
Mrs. Cassidy			23						23
Mr. Kellogg			23						23
Mrs. Riley			25						25
Mrs. Amero				24					24
Miss Cohen				24					24
Mrs. Goldman				25					25
Miss Meier				25					25
Mrs. Deasy					25				25
Mr. Gannon					25				25
Mrs. Johnston					24				24
Mrs. Williamson					22				22
Miss Doherty						26			26
Mr. Goldsmith						27			27
Mrs. Kuntz						27			27
Mr. Mavragis						26			26
Miss Chasse							5		5
Mrs. Driscoll									
A.M. Group								18	18
P.M. Group								20	38
Miss Soule									
A.M. Group								17	17
Mrs. Budzinski									
P.M. Group									
	79	88	94	98	96	106	—5	20	20
								75	641

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The year 1972 marked several outstanding topics in the elementary schools of the Town. Of major impact was the legislation mandating that children with special needs be integrated with other children to as great a degree as possible. Some difficulties were anticipated as we moved forward to comply with the positive and beneficial "spirit of the law." With much faculty cooperation the transition was made and the change in location of the special education resource teacher and classroom was completed during the Spring vacation period. Placement of the special education resource center at the Howe-Manning School will enable the regular classroom teachers to be in closer contact with our specialist who no longer must also be concerned with the administrative details of operating the Fuller Meadow School. It is noteworthy to mention the high degree of cooperation and initiative displayed by the Fuller Meadow School staff during this recent period of administrative change. On a similar note, the teachers at the Howe-Manning School who have accepted the challenge of building individualized programs for children new to their classes as a result of this integration program are to be commended for their understanding, interest and patience. This augurs well for all the children in our schools.

A second highlight was the "Performing Arts" program during the summer. Formulated and directed by Mr. Steven Denson, children who volunteered spent many hours of hard work in preparation for two stage performances. Adult volunteers and theatrical experts who gave generously of their time readily adjusted to schedules of children on family vacations or other summer-time community activities. We certainly would be remiss if we did not recognize the enthusiasm and energy of the participants and congratulate each budding thespian. Summer — 1973, will see another program of similar style and of probably greater proportions.

School in September opened with the Kindergarten classes housed at the Fuller Meadow School. Although the sizes of the classrooms are not as ideal as one would like, the decision to move the children was made with projected program improvements in mind. During the fall and after some cooperative meetings with Mr. Ernest Gould of the Park Department, the initial pieces of some playground equipment were installed at the Fuller Meadow School. Additional pieces will be added during the Spring of 1973. These swings, see-saws, climbing bars and slides will benefit not only all the school children during recess but also the local community of young children after school and in vacation periods.

On a disappointing note, theft and vandalism at the Fuller Meadow School consumed many dollars in repair and replacement categories. Glass breakage was close to \$1,000., some of which was reimbursed by insurance. Theft of office equipment (duplicators, adding machines, typewriter) and educational equipment (tape recorders, TV sets, motion picture projectors) had a replacement value of over \$2000. In a budget that is over one-half million dollars, this may not seem great in percents, but this item alone represents twice the cost of the entire Performing Arts program or more than half our textbook allocation! Vandalism is discouraging because it is always

such a senseless waste of our available financial resources. We ask your cooperation in the day-to-day instruction of your children as they grow into responsible citizens. In this day of rising costs and decreasing dollar value, elimination of needless expenditures such as is caused by malicious intent, may be a most practical tax increase preventive.

The Parent Teacher Association stepped off with a new vigor and spirit at the beginning of the 1972-73 school year. This interest and inertia is a pleasure to see and report. The pessimist might say that the numbers are small in comparison to the potential. One cannot argue that fact. The optimist might say that of any group; religious, civic, or social. He would further say that the existence and growth this association offers hope for even more informed groups of parents. The programs offered during both the Spring and the Fall serve to build a good foundation for future interest.

Workshop in-service programs on a monthly average were held with early release of children aiding in providing additional time. The time is available to us by reallocating the total number of hours for instructional purposes necessary by the state statute during the period of a calendar month. These programs may contain films, discussions or presentations by some of the staff members.

For several years, I have been advocating that sales tax revenues be "earmarked" for education. This may be a hopeless crusade. Another cause worth pursuing is that the state legislature or the state judicial system mandate uniform property tax assessing practices across the state. If recent cases of involving the support of schools by the real estate tax in California, Texas and Minnesota are used as precedent in Massachusetts, it would be to the advantage of Middleton if assessing practices were similar throughout the Commonwealth. I feel reasonably sure that something will happen on this topic in the next few years. Whatever happens, will be the result of a concerned, or, an apathetic citizenry.

The generosity of time given by volunteers within the community aided greatly in the success of so many programs during the past year. Classroom helpers, accompaniment on field trips, assistance with school-community projects at Christmas-time, demonstrations, slide and collection showings are some of the categories in which the children benefited. To each we say "thank you."

Lastly, I want to extend my personal gratitude to a most cooperative School Committee, to all Town Officials, both elected and appointed, for their assistance whenever called upon.

Mr. Perley Lovelace has retired from his position in the Middleton Public Schools after years of excellent service. We wish him well in his well deserved retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis N. Fitzgerald
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Middleton School Committee submits its annual report to the citizens and taxpayers of Middleton.

At the March, 1972, election, Mr. Nathan was re-elected to the Committee, while Mr. Russell was elected to serve for the first time. The annual organization of the 1972-3 term was held at the March 23rd meeting. At this time, a welcome was extended to Mr. Russell, newly elected member of the Committee, and sincere thanks were expressed by the Committee to Mrs. Wilhemine Hall for her outstanding contributions while a member of this Committee. Mr. Thomas Mullen was elected Chairman and Mr. Russell, Secretary. The Chairman appointed Mr. Messenger as Legislative Representative and offered to take the position of Press Liaison which met with the approval of the Committee.

In terms of outstanding achievement, this year more than anything else, was a year of music for the Town of Middleton. Along with some truly outstanding productions during the school year, a Summer Performing Arts Program became a reality for the first time and was a smashing success. SRO audiences came out in droves for Alice in Wonderland, and the season ending finale of Oliver. Many thanks go to Mr. Steve Denson and the many others that helped make this program such a joy for all involved.

Once again the Title I summer school provided many children with an opportunity for fun and education during the Summer months, utilizing the many resources of our greater community.

1972 was also a sad year in that we lost two long time employees and long time friends of the school and community, Mr. Perley Lovelace to retirement in August and Mr. Ralph Russell who passed away in May.

It has, at the same time, been another busy year for the Committee with regular and special meetings being held. In addition to our regular meetings, these meetings have included collective bargaining with the Middleton Teachers Association which are still amiably continuing as of January, and budget meetings which this year for the first time have required us to look 18 months ahead. This has given us cause for many long and thoughtful hours of discussion.

We would also like very much to take this opportunity to once again thank the voters of the Town of Middleton for their support of the proposed North Shore Regional Vocational School. Mr. Thomas Mullen has worked extremely hard, as a representative of this committee, to make Vocational Education a reality for the children of this town. Your support has made it possible for the Town of Middleton to be a part of the growing need for Vocational Education.

Once again the School System has done everything possible to make as many of its facilities available to the community as it can. This includes the many new and expanded programs of the Recreation Committee, as well as the Saint Agnes' Church religious classes, Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, and other group activities.

This year saw the arrival of several new teachers, and the departure of Miss Cornelia deSchepper for the academic year, 1972-3, for a very special purpose. Miss deSchepper has left to teach school at The Hague, and the benefits to both Miss deSchepper and to our school system should be of immense value in future years.

The School Committee has again made every effort to insure the taxpayers of Middleton that the Middleton School System will provide the best possible education it can. We invite and encourage the citizens of Middleton to help us make this possible through their cooperation and communication. Regular meetings of the Committee are held at the Howe-Manning School on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. We again urge you to attend and we welcome the opportunity to meet with as many citizens as possible.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks goes out to Mr. Francis N. FitzGerald, Mr. Eugene C. Winter, Miss Ruth M. Chasse, the faculty, specialists, secretarial staff, library aides, cafeteria workers, custodial staff, and lunchtime supervisors for their hard work and loyal support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDDLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman
Bruce Russell, Secretary
Francis X. Masse
W. Pike Messenger
Norman Nathan

**NORTH SHORE REGIONAL
VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**
1972

This is a unique report as it is our first. The Town of Middleton approved our entry at the election of November 20, 1972 by a vote of 73% affirmative. In accordance with policy established in the North Shore Regional Vocational-Technical School Committee Charter, the moderator appointed a representative to be approved by the Middleton-Masconomet members. Mr. Wallen appointed Thomas M. Mullen the first member, and Chairman of the Middleton North Shore Regional Vocational-Technical Feasibility Study Committee (See Town Report, 1971).

There are 16 communities in the region ranging from Gloucester on the North to Swampscott on the South. Middleton has 1 of the 39 "weighted-votes." Our fiscal burden is 1.72% resulting in an assessment of \$3,999. for the next 18 months. This amount is 50% reimbursable by the Commonwealth.

A site cannot be selected and a school constructed until at least 1977. This is a source of concern to the Committee. Due to this it has placed, in its budget, funds to administer the North Shore Consortium of Regional Vocational-Technical Schools. This will be run on a late afternoon basis.

Respectfully submitted,

**NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-
TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Thomas M. Mullen



Bad News

TREE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1972 they performed the following work:

Planting:

Twenty-six trees were planted in Brigadoon, on Hilldale Avenue, and other streets.

Spraying:

Received calls for spraying hornets in ten areas. Three thousand six hundred gallons of spray was applied to the brush beside the principal streets for the Highway Department. Two thousand four hundred gallons of Japanese Beetle Spray was used, mostly in Brigadoon.

Tree & Brush Removal:

Fifteen tree stumps were cut below ground by Valley Tree Co.

Twenty Elms with Dutch Elm Disease were removed.

Twenty dead trees were removed.

Brush was cleared from several locations. Limbs and branches which interfered with snow removal, were cut and cleared away.

We thank the various departments in the Town for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest R. Gould

VETERAN'S SERVICES

Following is a brief description of the policy and general purpose of this department: To provide the utmost possible assistance to Veterans and/or their dependents in time of distress and/or hardship. Any claim for benefits is adjudicated on its individual merits.

Veteran's benefits as disbursed by the town have no connection with those disbursed by the Federal Government. These are two separated and distinct functions. Funds disbursed by the town are fifty per-cent reimbursable by the State providing they meet State criteria. These benefits are strictly in an aid category and nothing else. In view of this, stringent requirements have to be met in order for claimant to qualify.

Federal benefits, on the other hand, include schooling, mortgage and small business loan backing, hospitalization when necessary and where indicated. Other benefits include service-connected pensions, widows pensions and aid to children of deceased veterans.

My only function as far as Government benefits are concerned is to direct claimants to proper agencies and assist in the preparation and dispensation of necessary forms.

Due to the nature of the position, where it is part-time, no set hours have been established. Consequently I am on call as the situation might warrant. There are certain times in the month when forms have to be submitted for approval and seminars have to be attended in order to keep up with changes in the law as they occur.

If any veteran or widow of same has a question concerning Federal benefits and entitlements please call the following number at the J.F.K. building in Boston and ask for a counselor. Tel. No. 223-3080 through 223-3086 (9AM-4PM.)

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for the confidence they have shown in me and also extend my thanks to the Treasurer and Accountant for assistance above and beyond the call of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Farley,
Veteran's Agent

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

The Water and Sewer Commission in submitting its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1972, would like to first thank all the persons who cooperated and assisted this commission. We further would like to thank Gerald Orlando and Newton Sweet of the Town of Danvers Public Works Department.

Regular meetings were held at Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of each month. We cordially invite all interested citizens to attend these meetings.

Our IBM active customer list tells us that we have increased our water customers from 647 in 1971 to 653 in 1972. Also in 1972 we had the hydrants scraped, painted and inspected.

After many meetings with the Danvers Water and Sewer Commission in 1971 and 1972, we have signed a new water contract that we are very proud of. The most important item being the extra 25% for capital improvements which amounts to approximately \$9,000 a year.

Any citizens interested in reading the new water contract with Danvers may do so at any one of our regular monthly meetings.

We would appreciate it if all citizens would support our warrants; keeping in mind that it has nothing to do with our tax structure.

Respectfully submitted;

James Vrees, Chairman
Gerald V. Lane, Clerk
Richard Moreschi

BUILDING SPACE COMMITTEE & BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Space Committee and Building Committee respectfully submit their report for the 1973 Town Meeting to the Town of Middleton. There is no need at this time to go into the long history surrounding this Committee's efforts to build a Police Station for the town. You will have before you at this Town Meeting Articles to cover the increased cost as a result of new bids received from contractors.

At the last Special Town Meeting, the Building Space Committee, after insertion of an Article for an additional \$25,000.00 requested that action on this Article be postponed. A late development prior to the Special Town Meeting indicated that federal funding may have been available for construction of the station.

An exhaustive study was held by the Committee with the assistance of Mr. Bowser, the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant. It was found, as a result of the investigation, that only one federal program was available for funding of the Police Station. Unfortunately, this funding would have increased the cost of the station considerably by use of government specifications for Civil Defense Shelters. The funding program called for payment of 50% of the additional cost incurred in construction. This was obviously not a viable alternative for the town.

As a result of government austerity programs evoked by the administration and the inception of revenue sharing, there are no federal programs available for funding for the Police Station.

Our neighboring towns of Boxford, Georgetown and Topsfield have currently formed committees on their own to build police facilities within their communities. They are finding themselves in a similar situation as that experienced by the Town of Middleton.

Every Citizen is aware that the Police Station has been moved from former Chief Wentworth's house to Memorial Hall. Although this has been a fairly successful short term solution to our problem, it is still in the words of our new Chief Richardson, entirely inadequate. The Building Space Committee is well aware of critical requirements for additional space in Memorial Hall for the Town Treasurer, Town Accountant, Planning Board and many other Boards and Committees that require meeting and office space. The space now occupied by the Police Department is crucial in this Committee's quest to provide additional space.

An emergency Communication System has been worked out with the co-operation of the Fire and Police Departments to enable full coverage to the town without additional manpower. This should answer the questions of many Citizens who question the need for additional policemen to man a new station. The emergency Communication System can be transferred at very little cost from Memorial Hall to a new Police Station.

It is our hope that with funds taken from revenue sharing allotments that our new Station can finally be built. The use of revenue sharing funds will not, in any way, increase the tax rate as it relates to the cost of our new Police Station. The time quite frankly has come to act. This will undoubtedly be the last proposal by the Building Space Committee for construction of this Station. We can only hope that intelligent thinking and long range planning will enable us to complete this project as proposed.

The Building Committee and Building Space Committee wishes to express their appreciation to all Citizens of the Town who assisted in completing our plans. The Building Space Committee will continue in its function to provide long range planning to the town for space requirements.

Building Space Committee

Leon J. LeBlanc — Temporary Chairman
Edward Richardson
Alan Marshall
Patricia Jordan — Secretary
George DeMerrit
Bartholomew J. Whelan
George Dow

Building Committee

Leon J. LeBlanc — Temporary Chairman
Edward Richardson
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Patricia Jordan
George DeMerrit
Bartholomew J. Whelan
Robert Porteous
Wilbur Witham

SOLID WASTE STUDY COMMITTEE

The Solid Waste Study Committee was reorganized this year by action of the Board of Selectmen. The Committee was directed to study the long range problem of solid waste management, cooperate with the Central North Shore Solid Waste Study Commission and report on activities to the Board. At an organization meeting Mr. Joseph Campano was elected Chairman and he was designated representative to the Central North Shore Commission, Mr. Charles Bowser was designated his second. A number of meetings of the Central North Shore Commission were attended and several solid waste systems reviewed. It soon became apparent that this commission was a duplication of the efforts of the North Shore Study Committee and it was agreed that the two groups should merge.

Mr. Campano, Mrs. Lois Lane, and Mr. Bowser attended various meetings of this committee and regional solution began to be developed.

Several meetings of the Middleton Committee were held and members were briefed on a number of waste systems considered of potential value to the Town. Mr. Bowser attended various conferences and seminars dealing with the problem of Solid Waste Management and reported to the Committee Chairman.

The Board of Selectmen asked the present Committee to extend its area of concern to include the more immediate problem of developing a new sanitary land fill site. The Chairman agreed to this increase in scope and consequently the Committee should be far more active in the coming year.



Seated: P. Jordan. Standing, left to right: L. Leblanc, Chief Richardson, W. Witham, R. Porteous, G. Dow, B. Whelan.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Patricia M. Jordan, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Middleton, Massachusetts.

Balance of Cash in Treasury		Payments for year 1972	
January 1, 1972	332,636.26	Warrants 1-56	2,871,396.30
Tax Anticipation Note	600,000.00	Tax Anticipation Note	600,000.00
Receipts for the year 1972	<u>2,758,523.24</u>	Balance of Cash in Treasury	
	3,691,159.50	December 31, 1972	<u>219,763.20</u>
			3,691,159.50

CASH IN BANKS 1972

Arlington Trust Company, Middleton, Mass.	216,258.22
Arlington Trust Company, Middleton, Mass.	2,633.09
Merchants Warren National Bank, Salem, Mass.	<u>871.89</u>
	219,763.20

Revenue Sharing Check in amount of \$41,219.00 received December 14, 1972 invested at Arlington Trust Company, Middleton, Mass. in Certificate of Deposits for 90 days at 5%.

A complete report of all Trust Funds and Land Sales in my custody are shown on the following pages.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and all other Town Departments and the Citizens for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Jordan, Treasurer

STABILIZATION FUND 1972

Town of Middleton	
Stabilization Fund	
Invested in Arlington Trust Company	
Certificate of Deposits for	
1 year at 6 1/4%	125,356.76
Certificate of deposit Interest	6,120.43
Special Notice Interest	<u>146.59</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1972	131,623.78

DEPRECIATION FUND 1972

Town of Middleton	
Electric Light Department	
Depreciation Fund	
Balance on hand January 1, 1972	105,148.95
Interest for year 1972	+ 4,647.44
Total	109,796.39
Withdrawn	<u>84,810.85</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1972	24,985.54

CEMETARY ENDOWMENT FUND 1972

Town of Middleton	
Cemetary Endowment Fund	
Balance on hand January 1, 1972	49,813.28
New accounts added	1,725.00
Interest for year 1972	<u>2,521.82</u>
Total receipts	54,060.10
Interest withdrawn	<u>2,521.82</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1972	51,538.28

DAVID CUMMINGS FUND 1972

Town of Middleton	
David Cummings Fund Accounts	
Arlington Trust Company Savings Acct.	5,837.13
Savings account interest	<u>246.91</u>
Transferred to checking acct. June 29, 1972	6,084.04
Balance in savings acct. Dec. 31, 1972	800.00
	5,284.04
Arlington Trust Co. Checking Acct.	
Balance January 1, 1972	179.22
Transferred from savings account	800.00
	979.22
Trustees orders	
Balance December 31, 1972	798.50
	180.72
Arlington Trust Company	
Checking account	180.72
Savings account	5,284.04
United Shoe Mach. Corp. shares	975.00
Balance December 31, 1972	6,439.76

SECTION C OAKDALE CEMETARY 1972

Town of Middleton	
Section-C Oakdale Cemetary	
Balance on hand January 1, 1972	3,892.63
New accounts added	400.00
Interest for year 1972	<u>202.74</u>
Total receipts	4,495.37
Interest withdrawn	<u>202.74</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1972	4,292.63

SALE OF TAX POSSESSIONS HELD AT 10:00 ON NOVEMBER 15, 1972

1. Lot 3 Summit View	Sale Price Book Value Gain	80.00 <u>65.18</u> 14.82	7. Part of Parker Lot B 3168 p 198	Sale Price Book Value Gain	325.00 <u>120.03</u> 204.97
2. Walcotts Island	Sale Price Book Value Gain	287.49 <u>287.49</u> 0	8. Lots 134 & 135 Haswell Park	Sale Price Book Value Gain	75.00 <u>55.77</u> 19.23
3. Liberty Street Book 849 pg 178	Sale Price Book Value Gain	250.00 <u>209.59</u> 40.41	9. Lots 165 & 166 Haswell Park	NO BID	
4. Lots 1021 & 1022 Middleton Pines	NO BID		10. Lots 171, 172, 173 Haswell Park	Sale Price Book Value Gain	80.00 <u>56.65</u> 23.35
5. Lot 266 Riverview	Sale Price Book Value Gain	79.93 <u>79.93</u> 0	11. Turf Meadow B3674 p 371	Sale Price Book Value Gain	34.25 <u>34.35</u> 0
6. Lot 337 Riverview	Sale Price Book Value Gain	150.00 <u>113.75</u> 36.25			

The total gain for the Town of Middleton from the above sale was \$339.03

LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON 1972

Middleton Pines:

Lots 1111-1120 Part of 1121 book 3543 page 286
 lots 1003, 1004, 1005, 10006 book 3856 page 272
 16 lots 2, 3, 4, 351-355 inc., 532-535 inc., book 4037
 page 3583, book 3105 page 257, book 2955 page 65.
 42,103 sq. ft. lots 268-274 inc., 471-474 inc., 47A book
 4065 page 361.
 8,500 sq. ft., lots 1021 1022 book 5010 page 270. lots
 1111-1120 inc. and part of lot 1121 book 5416 page
 336.

Haswell Park:

lots 165 and 166

Riverview:

2 lots 146, 147 book 56 page 78

Liberty Street:

Land on Liberty Street Book 3627 page 202

Summit View Park:

Lot 10 probate 236108 (1camp) lots, 28, 29, 30, 31
 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 51 57-59 inc., 63, 64, 65, 80-83 inc.
 208, 212, 213, 215-221 inc. 279-285 inc., 326-337 inc.,
 376, 377, 378, 379-383 inc., 385-398 inc.

Woodland Park:

lots 118, 119, 139, 168, 332, 575, 576, 714, 715

Highland Park:

lot 2 book 3473 page 365, lot 1 book 5457 page 659,
 lots 3 & 4 book 5457 page 660. lots 28-31 inc., book
 5457 page 661, lots 32 book 5457 page 658, lots 33-36
 inc. book 5457 page 662, lots 321 book 2372 page 589.

Odd lots:

recreation park lots 69-70 inc., 34,382 sq. ft. book 4037
 page 351.

**1973 MATURING DEBT ACCOUNT AT MERCHANTS WARREN NATIONAL BANK
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS**

1973 BOND PAYMENTS

SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN ACCT. OF 1948 BONDS

Due Date	Outstanding	Principal	Int.	Total
6/1/73	20,000.00		360.00	360.00
12/1/73	20,000.00	5,000.00	360.00	5,360.00
6/1/74	15,000.00		270.00	270.00
12/1/74	15,000.00	5,000.00	270.00	5,270.00
6/1/73	220,000.00		3,520.00	3,520.00
12/1/73	220,000.00	20,000.00	3,520.00	23,520.00
6/1/74	200,000.00		3,200.00	3,200.00
12/1/74	200,000.00	20,000.00	3,200.00	23,200.00

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Jordan, Town Treas.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

It has been my privilege to serve the Town of Middleton as Town Accountant from April 1972 to the present time. During that time I have solicited and received the cooperation of Department heads, members of many boards, Town Officials and our former Town Accountant, George Dow for without his help I would never have succeeded in the challenges of the position. It is with utmost sincerity that I express thanks to all.

The preparation of the Annual Town Report was the high point of my activities during my first year of service. Many individuals rendered timely assistance and outstanding cooperation during its preparation, however I must

singularly make special acknowledgements to Charles Bowser for special assistance, Patti Falkowski for her contribution towards the design and preparation of the cover, Lawrence Eagle, Salem News and Tri-Town Transcript for their pictures, Middleton Historical Society, and lastly to the printers, Lawrence Lithograph, Inc. for their patience, understanding and expert advice.

In the future I will endeavor to continue to upgrade the type of financial and accounting information necessary for efficient Town Management. It is in the interest of accomplishing this endeavor that your continued assistance and recommendations are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Murphy
Town Accountant

TOWN OF MIDDLETON
Balance Sheet December 31, 1972

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
Cash:			
General	219,719.35		
Electric Light	24,985.54		
Depreciation			
Petty Cash			
Assessors	20.00		
Electric Light Dept.	200.00		
Selectmen	10.00		
School Dept.	30.00		
School Lunch	30.00		
Tax Collector	100.00		
Revenue Sharing	41,219.00	286,313.89	
Accounts Receivable:			
Personal Property			
Levy of 1968	218.40		
Levy of 1969	176.40		
Levy of 1970	82.52		
Levy of 1971	501.69		
Levy of 1972	1,303.99	2,283.00	
Real Estate			
Levy of 1971	967.98		
Levy of 1972	40,544.38	41,512.36	
Motor Vehicle Excise			
Levy of 1967	229.35		
Levy of 1968	146.38		
Levy of 1969	4,875.21		
Levy of 1970	4,170.10		
Levy of 1971	7,434.49		
Levy of 1972	23,848.48	40,704.01	
Farm Animal Excise			
Levy of 1970	21.00	21.00	
Tax Titles & Possessions			
Tax Titles	5,447.47		
Tax Title Possessions	7,008.46	12,455.93	
Departmental			
General Relief	993.74		
Old Age Assistance	8.08		
Medical Assistance	901.07	1,902.89	
Electric Light Dept.			
Rates	35,501.34		
Miscellaneous	2,520.18	38,021.52	
Aid to Highways			
State	2,056.51		
County	6,066.82	8,123.33	
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:			
State			
Mosquito Control	287.68		
County Tax	1,550.81	1,838.49	
Revolving Fund:			
School Lunch		510.12	
		433,686.54	
Overestimates 1972:			
State			
State Park Recreation	1,221.38		
MBTA	513.07		
Ipswich Water Shed	333.32		
Air Pollution	15.31		2,083.08
Payroll Deductions:			
County Retirement	4,246.61		
Group Insurance	117.75		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	4,586.47		8,950.83
Agency:			
Sale of Dogs	27.00		
Dog Licenses	123.30		150.30
Excess Proceeds – Land of Low Value			683.94
Tailings			332.24
Cemetery Perpetual Care			
Bequests			655.00
Cemetery Recording of Deeds			3.00
Trust Fund Income:			
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,485.33		
Mansfield Fund	2,135.37		3,620.70
Federal & State Grants:			
Public Law 874	1,500.07		1,500.07
Appropriation Balances:			
Revenue			
General	64,177.24		
Electric Light	24,985.54		
Water	4,634.97		93,797.75
Sale of Cemetery Lots			2,661.00
Overlay Reserve			8,866.83
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:			
Levy of 1967			21.60
Levy of 1969			3,770.18
Levy of 1970			1,655.11
Levy of 1972			2,621.70
			8,068.59
Revenue Reserved for Appropriation:			
Cemetery Equipment Fund	3,153.00		
Road Machinery Fund	10,271.48		
Electric Light			
Meter Fund	2,865.00		
Ambulance Fund			53.00
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:			
Motor Vehicle	40,704.01		
Electric	38,021.52		
Departmental			1,902.89
Tax Title			12,455.93
Farm Animal Excise			21.00
Aid to Highway			8,123.33
Surplus Revenue:			
General	129,943.60		
Electric	1,295.78		
Water	11,893.67		
Revenue Sharing			41,219.00
Reserve for Petty Cash			184,352.05
			390.00
			433,686.54

TOWN ACCOUNTANTS REPORT
RECEIPTS 1972

TAXES

Current Year:		
Real Estate	1,092,372.71	
Personal Property	<u>23,609.80</u>	1,115,982.51

Building Permits	1,448.00
Board of Health	1,523.00
Plumbing, Gas & Wire	<u>483.50</u>
	6,098.50

Previous Years:		
Real Estate	31,728.95	
Personal Property	<u>499.06</u>	32,228.01

Equipment Rental		8,141.25

Privileges:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	90,826.11	
Farm Animal Excise	<u>39.85</u>	
Water Liens	<u>765.92</u>	91,631.88

Hall Rental	280.00
Tuition	1,468.00
School Lunch	<u>21,251.29</u>
Claim	<u>1,013.80</u>
	24,013.09

Interest:		
Real Estate	2,615.98	
Personal Property	<u>49.76</u>	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,008.01	
Farm Animal Excise	<u>.80</u>	3,674.55

LICENSES		MISCELLANEOUS TOWN

Alcoholic		
Other	8,924.50	
	<u>335.00</u>	9,259.50

Hall Rental	280.00
Tuition	1,468.00
School Lunch	<u>21,251.29</u>
Claim	<u>1,013.80</u>
	24,013.09

GRANTS

Lieu of Taxes		MISCELLANEOUS TOWN
Town of Danvers	3,153.50	
Tax Titles	3,307.79	
Lieu of Taxes-MIT	2,407.90	
Lieu of Taxes-MELD	22,500.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>874.45</u>	32,243.64

Federal Government:		
Public Law 874	2,748.00	
Title I	<u>10,365.00</u>	13,113.00

Opening Graves	1,435.00	
Sale of Lots & Graves	1,310.00	
Recording of Deeds	28.00	
Perpetual Care Interest	4,576.77	
Use of Equipment	970.00	
Interment	2,005.00	
Greens	<u>445.00</u>	10,769.77

State Government:		
Veterans Services	3,397.95	
Income Valuation	<u>10,801.23</u>	
School Bld. Ass.	31,968.10	
Sales Tax Ch. 70	369,724.24	
Chapter 71	60,248.01	
Vocational Education	<u>1,033.75</u>	
School Lunch	16,160.38	
Transportation	13,738.88	
Public Health	<u>697.46</u>	
Highway	26,179.77	
Snow Plowing	<u>1,413.25</u>	
Lottery Ch. 58	21,074.41	
Other	<u>2,827.05</u>	559,264.48

CEMETERY		INTEREST

County Government:		
Dog Licenses	2,417.57	
Highway	<u>3,376.45</u>	5,794.02

Mansfield Fund	2,910.00	
Meter Deposits	<u>148.47</u>	3,058.47

DEPARTMENTAL

Memorial Hall Rentals	1,500.00	
Bd. of Appeals Hearings	<u>640.00</u>	
Zoning Material	34.25	
Sale of Vehicle	1,040.46	
Council on Aging	<u>75.00</u>	
Planning Board	112.73	
Board of Registrars	<u>33.49</u>	
Miscellaneous	<u>350.23</u>	3,786.16

INDEBTEDNESS		TRUST AGENCY & INVESTMENT

Tax Anticipation Note	600,000.00	
Bonding	<u>58,500.00</u>	658,500.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Fines	1,903.00	
Accident Reports	<u>338.00</u>	
Firearms	403.00	

County Retirement	21,532.08	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	18,769.18	
Group Insurance	1,201.29	
Dog Licenses Due County	794.75	
Sale of Dogs	<u>24.00</u>	42,321.30

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Electric Department:		INDEBTEDNESS
Sale of Light-Power	603,406.58	
Depr. Fund Transfer	82,030.05	
Miscellaneous	5,928.03	
Meter Deposits	<u>2,160.00</u>	693,524.66

Water Department:		TRUST AGENCY & INVESTMENT
Water Income	<u>8,837.64</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,322,242.43	
Cash Balance	<u>332,603.06</u>	
		3,654,845.49

EXPENDITURES 1972

	Balance from 1971 and/or Appropriation	Transfers	Expended	Unexpended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator				
Salary	50.00		50.00	
Finance Committee				
Expenses	100.00		30.00	70.00
Selectmen				
Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Expenses	4,000.00		3,993.89	6.11
Secretary – Clerk	5,720.00		5,486.23	233.77
Mount Vernon St. Land Purchase	35,000.00		35,000.00	
East St. Land Purchase	2,500.00			2,500.00
Administrative Asst. Training	275.00	244.67 ¹	519.67	
River St. Land Taking	500.00			500.00
Accountant				
Salary	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Expenses	850.00		841.36	8.64
Treasurer				
Salary	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Clerk	1,000.00		950.49	49.51
Expenses	1,609.00	150.00 ¹	1,759.00	
Tax Title	2,500.00		2,115.38	384.62
Tax Collector				
Salary	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Clerk	2,363.00	2,363.00		
Expenses	1,540.00		1,476.13	63.87
Tax Taking Expenses	2,000.00		62.25	1,937.75
Assessors				
Salaries	3,000.00		3,000.00	
Clerk	1,950.00		1,950.00	
Expenses	2,475.00		2,209.70	265.30
Wages – Assessment Only	1,900.00		761.99	1,138.01
Town Counsel				
Salary	4,000.00		4,000.00	
Expenses	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Town Clerk				
Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Expenses	495.00		473.22	21.78
Office Equipment	350.00		350.00	
Elections & Registrations				
Salaries	500.00		500.00	
Expenses	571.00	47.10 ¹	618.10	
Wages	1,775.00	235.49 ¹	2,010.49	
Planning Board				
Clerk	350.00		245.00	105.00
Expenses	450.00		390.89	59.11
Advertising	200.00			200.00
Consultant	400.00		200.00	200.00
Town Hall				
Salary	800.00		800.00	
Expenses	2,100.00		1,842.67	257.33
Expenses – Capital	1,808.05		83.29	1,724.76*
Memorial Hall				
Salary	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Expenses	3,000.00	186.77 ²	3,140.63	46.14
Expenses – Capital	3,415.83		1,084.66	2,331.17*
Tax Collector Office Remodeling	1,000.00		235.00	765.00
Personnel Board				
Clerk	300.00		287.50	12.50
Expenses	100.00		20.00	80.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT			97,550.54	

PUBLIC SAFETY

Constable		50.00	50.00	
Salary				
Police Department				
Chiefs Salary	11,200.00		11,200.00	
Wages	63,199.00	1,250.00 ³	61,951.43	2,497.57
Expenses	10,341.00		9,717.95	623.05
Cruiser	2,700.00		2,692.46	7.54
Traffic Signs	500.00		254.40	245.60
Fire Department				
Chief's Salary	10,910.00		10,910.00	
Salaries	2,925.00		1,931.25	993.75
Wages	59,128.00	58,969.15	158.85	
Expenses	10,350.00		10,011.79	338.21
Fire Station Roof	72.00		72.00	
Forest Fire Truck	18,833.20		18,764.68	68.52
Special Expense	1,925.00		1,769.26	155.74
Hose Tower	9,500.00		6,926.51	2,573.49*
Building Inspector				
Salary	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Expenses	800.00		807.18	(7.18)
Board of Appeals				
Clerk	360.00		360.00	
Expenses	70.00	46.40 ¹	116.40	
Advertising	520.00		372.65	147.35
Wire Inspector				
Salary	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Expenses	150.00		150.00	
Civil Defense				
Expenses	100.00		98.61	1.39
Gas Inspector				
Salary	400.00		400.00	
Expenses	100.00		97.00	3.00
Plumbing Inspector				
Salary	600.00		600.00	
Expenses	150.00		103.60	46.40
Forestry Department				
Tree Warden Salary	100.00		100.00	
Expenses	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Insect & Pest Control	2,000.00		1,006.16	993.84
Dutch Elm	2,600.00		2,600.00	
New Trees	300.00		300.00	
Dog Officer				
Salary	600.00		600.00	
Expenses	800.00		781.40	18.60
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY			209,113.88	

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health				
Salary	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Expenses	21,000.00		14,407.81	6,592.19
Community Health	5,000.00		5,000.00	
Mental Health	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Medical Assistance	1,303.50			1,303.50*
Drug Education Program	2,400.00		2,400.00	
Purchase of Gravel	9,000.00	-2,000.00 ⁴	7,000.00	
Night Soil Operation		2,000.00 ⁴		2,000.00*
Inspector of Animals				
Salary	400.00		400.00	
Expenses	100.00		83.20	16.80
Inspector of Slaughtering				
Salary	50.00		50.00	
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION			32,941.01	

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Machinery Account	8,000.00	7,040.92	959.08
Highway Expenses	28,617.00	28,406.95	210.05
Chapter 81	18,700.00	18,671.11	28.89
Chapter 90 Construction	32,505.71	22,266.43	10,239.28*
Chapter 90 Maintenance	5,000.00	4,918.75	81.25
Snow Removal	40,000.00	39,862.31	137.69
Storm Drains	3,000.00	2,535.76	464.24
Sander	3,500.00	2,850.00	650.00
Truck	6,600.00	6,288.76	311.24
Lake Street Chap. 679	2,473.73		2,473.73*
Lake Street Chap. 782	.30	.30	
Land Damage	1,212.36	936.72	275.64*
Highway Improvement Chap. 616	4,584.49		4,584.49*
River Street Reconstruction	6,000.00		6,000.00*
Street Lighting	7,800.00	5,174.17	2,625.83
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		138,952.18	

VETERANS' SERVICES

Veterans' Agent Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Expenses	600.00	539.35	60.65
Veterans' Aid	9,000.00	5,081.47	3,918.53

TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES

6,620.82

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Elementary School			
School Salaries	429,498.00	-4,805.35 ⁵	.44
School Salaries Retroactive	5,106.88	5,106.88	
School Expenses	100,068.00	+6,608.21 ⁵	106,676.21
Superintendent Out-of-State Travel	250.00	232.00	18.00
School Lunch	2,654.45	+39,506.67 ⁶	42,671.24
Public Law 89-10	197.80	-197.80 ⁷	(510.12)*
Public Law 874	6,052.49	-1,149.86	3,402.56
Title I	13.06	+10,365.00 ⁸	1,500.07*
Masconomet Regional School Dist.	646,605.96	646,605.96	
Vocational Education	5,000.00	3,863.59	1,136.41
Vocational Regional School Planning	100.00	100.00	
School Sites & Needs Comm. Expense	74.55	-74.55 ⁷	
TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		1,243,728.71	

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Salaries	16,800.00	14,757.58	2,042.42
Expenses	12,510.00	9,915.30	2,594.70
Insurance	1,200.00	638.00	562.00
Dog Tax		1,032.52	1,032.52
State Aid		1,516.50	1,516.50

TOTAL LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

27,859.90

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Park Department Labor	3,000.00	2,198.29	801.71
Park Department Expenses	500.00	850.00 ¹	1.14
East Street Pool	500.00	500.00	
New Equipment	500.00	500.00	
Playground Equipment	300.00	96.10	203.90
Swimming Equipment	200.00		200.00
Beach Life Guards	1,050.00	2,049.75	.25
Town Picnic	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Skating	600.00	157.13	442.87
Recreation Expenses	1,542.14	1,529.58	12.56
Recreation Transportation	1,050.00	1,035.00	15.00
Wages Playground	1,800.00	1,786.00	14.00
TOTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT		12,200.71	

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Commissioners' Salaries	150.00	150.00	
Superintendent of Burials Salary	50.00	50.00	
Expenses	10,730.00	10,702.17	27.83
Opening Graves	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Perpetual Care		2,647.24	2,647.24
Hot Top	500.00	374.78	125.22
New Equipment	500.00	446.30	53.70
TOTAL CEMETERY DEPARTMENT		16,870.49	

SPECIAL

Council on Aging			
Expenses	2,527.12	1,809.98	717.14*
Industrial Development Commission	382.85		.382.85*
Building Space Committee			
Expenses	987.00	37.39	949.61*
Architect Fees	109.51		
No. Main Street Land Purchase	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Police Station	3,000.00	9,008.17	18,991.83*
Police Station Relocation	1,500.00	1,445.50	54.50
TOTAL SPECIAL		32,301.40	

UNCLASSIFIED

1971 Bills	291.56	269.06	22.50
Retirement Assessment	44,672.00	44,671.77	.23
Printing Town By-Laws	500.00		500.00*
Printing Building Codes	200.00		200.00*
Printing Town Reports	3,000.00	2,008.20	991.80
Revolutionary Markers	58.00	58.00	
Memorial Day	800.00	636.18	163.82
General Insurance	10,000.00	8,000.00 ⁴ /710.70 ¹	18,635.70
Motor Vehicle Insurance	5,230.00	770.00 ¹	6,000.00
Christmas Lighting	75.00	59.65	15.35
Street Lighting	7,800.00	5,174.17	2,625.83
Conservation Commission			
Expenses	300.00	38.19	261.81
Fund	1,016.00		1,016.00*
State Retirement	600.00	549.66	50.34
Copy Machine	1,500.00	1,421.44	78.56
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		79,522.02	

MATURING DEBT & INTEREST

School Addition 1956	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Fuller Meadow School 1964	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Interest	22,000.00	17,725.90	4,274.10
Tan Anticipation Notes		600,000.00	
TOTAL MATURING DEBT & INTEREST		647,725.90	

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Water Department			
Salaries	450.00	300.00	150.00
Expenses	450.00	427.29	22.71
Maintenance	4,600.00	996.51	3,603.49
Debt Repayment	3,800.00	3,800.00	
So. Main Street Extension	4,634.97		4,634.97*
Electric Light Department			
Maintenance & Operation	162,577.00	25,000.00	177,521.38
Production	686,700.00	-25,000.00	383,575.92
Depreciation	45,895.00		45,894.49
Right of Way	100.00		.51
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES		612,515.59	10,055.62
			278,124.08
			100.00*

TRUST, AGENCY & INVESTMENT

State Park Recreation	6,659.34
Mosquito Control	6,372.47
Metropolitan Area Planning	179.30
MBTA	36,570.93
County Tax	33,210.97
Auditing Municipal Accounts	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	439.05
Ipswich Watershed	21.45
Metropolitan Air Pollution	129.55
Cemetery Recording Deeds	25.00
Endowment of Lots	2,775.00
Dog Licenses Due County	2,020.50
Sale of Dogs	24.00
Meter Deposits	1,815.79
Meter Deposit Interest	95.38
State Withholding Tax	33.89
Federal Withholding Tax	543.16
County Retirement	16,798.99
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	33,107.12
Group Insurance	2,265.84
Water Liens	765.92
Mansfield Fund	2,336.60
MELD Depreciation	79,977.22
MELD Construction	<u>46,163.83</u>
TOTAL TRUST, AGENCY & INVESTMENT	272,331.30

REFUNDS

Real Estate Tax	2,246.90
Personal Property Tax	28.04
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,690.54
Electric Light Department	<u>932.21</u>
TOTAL REFUNDS	4,897.69

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,435,132.14
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1972	<u>219,713.35</u>
	3,654,845.49

1. Transfer from Finance Committee
2. Restitution from damage claim
3. Transfer from Sick Leave Account
4. Special Town Meeting
5. Transfer per School Committee
6. Reimbursements
7. To Surplus
8. Title I Reimbursement
9. Short Term Borrowing

Unexpended Balances with asterisk (*) carried forward to 1973/1974

	Appropriated	Transferred	Unexpended
Transfers			
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	18,000.00	16,553.56	1,446.44
Group Insurance	1,200.00	1,132.92	67.08
Sick Leave	3,000.00	1,250.00	1,750.00
Finance Committee Reserve	10,000.00	3,054.36	6,945.64

SALARIES AND WAGES PAID 1972

REGULAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

William J. Hocter	9,049.42
William F. Hocter	2,081.83
Frank A. Karayianes	8,648.08
Frank A. Karayianes	2,674.80
Henry Michalski, Jr.	8,679.98
Henry Michalski, Jr.	1,757.49
George W. Nash	9,881.40
George W. Nash	1,551.01
Harold F. Purdy	11,539.42

CALL FIREMEN

Roland Clarke	304.85
Charles S. Clinch, Jr.	363.70
Charles S. Clinch III	1,742.24
Richard D. Collins	545.24
John H. Cryan	395.76
George E. Dow, Sr.	557.63
Richard G. Floyd, Jr.	967.11
Clement Ford	16.25
Richard G. Goodale, Jr.	458.49
Richard G. Goodale, Sr.	1,963.26
Francis J. Hocter	182.00
Andrew Karayianes	268.63
Edward Karayianes, Jr.	150.75
Paul Kilroy	205.00
George C. Kimball	487.39
David T. Leary	1,901.51
James K. Martin	138.37
Frank Maynard	75.00
Edward J. Michalski	372.67
William Mugford, Jr.	1,932.38
James Muise	536.50
Richard F. Nash	446.54
Charles W. Newhall	164.17
James H. Ogden, Jr.	3.50
James H. Ogden, Sr.	810.87
Carl N. Ohlson	175.75
Charles H. Ohlson, Jr.	259.25
Carl R. Peterson	3.25
Samuel Poel	124.25
James Sauliner	30.62
Karl A. Shuman	136.50
Wilbur A. Witham	69.87

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul F. Armitage	4,766.00
William Barrett	10,200.82
Eleanor A. Benedetto	146.49
Henry A. Bouchard	12,036.56
Celeste V. Cormier	33.25
David W. DiTomaso	4,409.76
Louis J. Fedullo	3,176.25
Robert Hurd	2,924.25
Orin A. Nelson, Jr.	113.75
Earl Peachey	2,779.00
Robert T. Peachey	10,650.17
Paul J. Peters	1,183.00
Edward J. Richardson	10,786.53
James W. Wentworth	8,400.60

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

John M. Bishop	10,063.78
Charles Clinch, Jr.	12,939.93
Annie J. Dow	7,930.00
J. Lansing English	14,833.00
Muriel Gullifer	2,908.50
Paul G. Kilroy	11,486.35
Robert Merry	50.51
John Milbery	23.31
Carl R. Peterson	11,568.66
James Sabino	1,536.00
Louis L. Sabino	5,226.00
Scott Kingsley	840.00
Pauline E. Shuman	285.36
Gene C. Trask	8,110.56
Wilbur A. Witham	11,221.29

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Daniel Anderson	211.76
Allan Angers	25.20
Dana A Aylward	297.30
John A. Beane	17.60
Leopold S. Blais	8,730.90
Kenneth Brown	60.90
Jeannette Colby	396.00
Margaret J. Colby	158.40
Bruce Conway	325.56
Ernest Daniels	56.70
Donald K. Dixey	8,585.01
James M. Donavan	8,770.41
Steven Faulkner	198.16
Ronald Gagnon	76.48
Lloyd E. Gifford	1,971.31
Ernest R. Gould	415.38
Bobby Hill	83.98
Peter Kasenenko	8,816.76
Arthur LeBlanc	10.50
Ronald Lewis	210.65
Allan Marshall	9,495.00
Debra L. Marcotte	70.40
Leo H. C. Massei	250.58
Daniel Maynard	120.58
David Maynard	33.15
William Mugford, Jr.	8,677.71
Paul Pellicelli	10.50
Richard Pennock	92.40
Samuel Poel	148.01
Gordon Sheldon	183.35
Michael Sliney	27.30
Barry Stevens	126.01
James Stone	37.80
Paul Vasey	17.60

LIBRARY

Page Campbell	2,460.48
Jacqueline Comer	69.76
Dorothy H. English	2,934.80
Wendy Ford	5.53
Jeanne Kelly	216.48

Patricia M. Kelley	1,050.76	Kevin T. Knobloch	161.00
Rosemary A. Malone	1,790.87	Gerald Lane	150.00
Tracy Malone	194.34	Michael Lavorgna	50.00
Mary McKenney	117.72	Ernest F. LeBeau	974.97
William Mugford, Jr.	1,200.00	Leon J. LeBlanc	1,000.00
Donna Murphy	33.97	Rita LeBlanc	28.00
Philip E. Northway	958.38	Esther McColley	86.63
Kathy Ryan	4.74	Jean K. McSheehy	5,501.93
Edith A. Wennerberg	2,477.76	William T. Martin, Jr.	162.00
Virgina E. Wentworth	1,020.81	William T. Martin, Jr.	200.00
Christine Whelan	85.32	William T. Martin, Jr.	1,000.00
CEMETERY, TREE, PARK DEPARTMENTS			
Ernest R. Gould	8,035.88	Kathryn Martinuk	17.50
Leo Massei	3,602.76	Alice Milbery	8.75
Lloyd E. Gifford	3,814.06	John W. Milbery	1,000.00
Dana Aylward	654.72	Richard A. Moreschi	150.00
TOWN OFFICES			
Richard O. Ajootian	47.25	William Mugford, Jr.	1,200.00
Richard Ajootian	204.18	Robert F. Murphy	3,000.00
Irene Ashley	8.75	Charles H. Ohlson, Jr.	1,050.00
Donald Aylward	1,000.00	Gloria J. Oleary	187.50
Martha Ballard	8.75	Janet S. Osgood	8.75
John Barrett	800.00	Blanche Paul	91.88
Kathleen Bastable	428.00	Betty Peachey	31.50
Susan M. Callahan	200.00	Robert T. Peachey	50.00
Joseph J. Campano, Jr.	2,000.00	Hope Peckham	8.75
John W. Campbell	1,108.00	Dorothy Pellicelli	19.25
John M. Cryan	100.00	John Pellicelli	50.00
Virginia M. Cryan	70.00	Sandra Pollack	8.75
Dennis E. Currier	795.82	Marie Preytis	10.50
William R. Dion	250.00	Shirley Raynard	35.00
Thomas F. Dolan	1,000.00	Edward Richardson	100.00
Arthur R. Donovan	2,000.00	Bruce Russell	464.00
George E. Dow, Sr.	749.99	Barbara J. Ryer	305.00
John T. Dowling	250.00	Jerome A. Segal	4,000.00
David E. Firbanks	100.00	Alexandra G. Shaw	10.50
George E. Farley	750.00	Alexandra Shaw	531.06
Michael Farley	430.00	Bernice Sherwood	86.63
Edith Farnham	31.50	Pauline Shuman	8.75
Dorothy Ferreira	31.50	Jacqueline Smith	1,950.06
Violet Fontaine	21.00	Doreen Spencer	464.00
Robert Fox	250.00	Rita Spottiswood	8.75
William Fuller	1,000.00	Virginia Stevens	8.75
Lloyd H. Getchell	85.50	Jean E. Stewart	784.04
Ann L. Goodale	22.75	Jean E. Stewart	10.50
Ernest R. Gould	100.00	Elsie Thurston	8.75
Shirley Gould	17.50	M. Evelyn Trum	447.50
Bernard Greenbaum	750.01	Suzanne Truppasso	287.50
Mary Hamilton	14.00	Harold E. Tyler	4,000.00
Barbara Harlow	8.75	Laura R. Tyler	2,354.29
Francis J. Hocter	173.16	Jean Ulbin	8.75
Joseph C. Hocter	210.00	Suzanne C. Ullven	8.75
Lorayne Hocter	31.50	James Vrees	150.00
Mary Hocter	1,030.00	Paul B. Wake	1,000.00
Mary C. Hocter	255.25	J. Russell Wallen	50.00
Lynn A. Jillson	630.00	Mary Whelan	19.25
Diane F. Jordan	83.52	Marie Winquist	86.63
Patricia M. Jordan	4,000.00	Ann Woodbury	250.75
Patricia M. Jordan	10.50	Beverly Woodbury	122.75
Mary E. Karayianes	55.00	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Patricia Kimball	8.75	Georgie E. Acheson	319.20
John Kinsvater	250.00	Daniel Anderson	2,553.20
		Thomas Anderson	2,092.29
		Mary Anne Amero	9,306.24
		Irene J. Ashley	2,427.83
		Louise M. Barry	5,375.00

Elsie Bouchard	80.00	Pamela Kelley	48.11
Barbara Bowes	6,703.89	Patricia M. Kelley	1,121.57
Barbara Bowes	300.00	Rita Kelley	2,172.65
Janet Branch	250.00	Paul E. Kellogg	2,831.84
Sharman Brisson	4,792.37	Mary E. King	7,746.85
Barbara Bryne	20.00	Rose E. King	11,620.58
Cheryl Buchner	80.00	John Kinsvater	1,045.64
Sandra Budzinski	3,550.10	Ann L. Knower	20.00
Marion Burr	200.00	Christine Kuntz	3,833.99
Susan Burrall	200.00	Marjorie Lake	20.00
Vera Carlson	840.00	Sally Langis	2,570.85
Vera Carlson	8,211.31	Villa Lavorgna	10,520.59
Doris J. Carroll	2,425.66	Cyrille Lazo	20.00
Eleanor C. Cassidy	10,520.48	Richard LeBel	635.00
Ruth M. Chasse	12,757.65	Evelyn Lennox	245.00
Aurore Chouinard	33.00	Evelyn F. Lennox	2,643.85
Aurore Chouinard	79.50	Georgia D. Lewis	6,872.88
Janet Clapshaddle	40.00	Perley D. Lovelace	5,763.63
Susan B. Cohen	10,100.51	Janice Macauley	85.11
Mary Curreri	5,031.71	Veronica McIntosh	10,905.17
Charlotte Dagnostion	100.00	David McMinimen	210.00
Anne Daniels	240.00	Harry J. Mavragis	10,022.35
Christine A. Deasy	9,301.18	Sandra L. Meier	9,834.98
Christine Deasy	840.00	Sandra L. Meier	840.00
Stephen M. Denson	11,405.96	Carlotta S. Miller	4,147.63
Cornelia Deschepper	5,250.03	Rose Mugford	537.50
Craol Doherty	8,960.04	Beverly A. Napieracz	812.00
Carol Doherty	612.00	Beverly A. Napieracz	10,762.61
Rose Marie Dorman	7,633.21	Barbara Olsen	260.00
Helen A. Doucette	2,826.37	Florence Peart	154.20
Catherine M. Driscoll	8,447.88	Florence Peart	137.70
Mary Emro	2,157.11	Mary Perkins	180.00
Judith M. Evans	559.20	Marsha Pickard	151.25
Linda Evans	6.00	Frances Porter	382.05
Marie Farley	12.75	Lorraine Prendible	1,005.00
Eva Farnsworth	344.30	Alice Reynolds	465.05
Charles C. Farrell	140.00	T. Myron Reynolds	7,346.27
Joan L. Farrin	681.61	Jane Reilly	1,240.00
Francis N. FitzGerald	18,923.10	Janet M. Riley	7,606.28
Patricia FitzGerald	1,265.00	Dana Rubchinuk	1,224.71
Philip A. Flowers	12,304.95	Timothy Rubchinuk	1,610.84
Philip A. Flowers	750.00	Alan Russell	511.52
Jean Gagnon	670.00	Ralph H. Russell	3,645.86
Richard Gannon	2,856.64	Barbara J. Ryer	5,929.44
Christine Gardner	20.00	Ruth I. Sgroi	6,898.01
Barbara R. Gayton	400.05	Martha Soule	1,263.42
Henrietta Giannino	11,385.62	Sharlene Smith	205.00
Roslyn Goldman	7,469.42	Shelia Standring	400.00
John Goldsmith	2,606.84	Ann Steinberg	5,244.46
Ann Goodale	4,202.93	Mark Stevens	154.48
Wilhemine Hall	2,686.84	Ronald H. Stevens	576.42
Wilhemine Hall	336.00	Jeanie Sweeney	100.00
Wilhemine Hall	290.00	Nancy A. Thomas	1,220.15
Mary Hamilton	3,406.06	Jean Ulbin	83.00
Thomas Hamilton	80.00	Susan Ullven	18.00
Eileen Hammond	10,478.30	Jeannette Vrees	56.70
Sally June Hatsfield	220.00	Faylene H. Webber	9,829.19
Lorayne C. Hocter	1,069.29	Virginia Wentworth	300.00
Estelle Hughes	220.00	Carolyn H. White	10,778.30
Rosemary Janco	840.00	Joyce E. Williamson	8,995.04
Angela Johns	50.00	Eugene C. Winter	14,583.36
Nellie S. Johnston	11,640.58	William Wiswall	1,000.00
Jeanne Kelley	53.65	Victoria M. Young	544.05

TAX COLLECTOR

Real Estate Taxes – 1971

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 33,698.00
Interest	1,344.81
Collections:	
Tax	\$ 31,728.95
Interest	1,344.81
Tax Takings	1,001.07
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1972 (Oaknouts Park)	967.98
	<u>\$ 35,042.81</u>
	<u>\$ 35,042.81</u>

Real Estate Taxes – 1972

1972 Commitment	\$ 1,165,765.50
Interest	1,100.54
*Refunds	2,246.90
Collections:	
Tax	\$ 1,092,372.71
Interest	1,100.54
Abatements	33,157.05
Certified to Tax Title	
Accounts	2,495.08
Uncoll. Dec. 31, 1972	39,987.56
	<u>\$ 1,169,112.94</u>
	<u>\$ 1,169,112.94</u>

*Includes refund for over-payment – \$100.80

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1967

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 249.70
Interest	8.05
Collections:	
Tax	\$ 20.35
Interest	8.05
Balance Dec. 31, 1972	229.35
	<u>\$ 257.75</u>
	<u>\$ 257.75</u>

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1968

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 301.21
Interest	62.34
Collections:	
Tax	\$ 154.83
Interest	62.34
Balance Dec. 31, 1972	146.38
	<u>\$ 363.55</u>
	<u>\$ 363.55</u>

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1969

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 5,143.06
Interest	47.67
Collections:	
Tax	\$ 178.75
Interest	47.67
Abatements	89.10
Balance Dec. 31, 1972	4,875.21
	<u>\$ 5,190.73</u>
	<u>\$ 5,190.73</u>

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1970

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 5,123.96
Interest	138.10
Collections:	
Tax	\$ 940.66
Interest	138.10
Abatements	13.20
Balance Dec. 31, 1972	4,170.10
	<u>\$ 5,262.06</u>
	<u>\$ 5,262.06</u>

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1971

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 19,919.69
Committed 1972	21,891.92
Interest	714.51
Refunds	921.76

Collections:	
Tax	\$ 28,474.48
Interest	714.51
Abatements	6,709.69
Balance Dec. 31, 1972	7,549.20
	<u>\$ 43,447.88</u>
	<u>\$ 43,447.88</u>

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Taxes – 1972

1972 Commitment	\$ 91,831.01
Interest	37.34
Refunds	1,341.35

Collections:	
Tax	\$ 61,057.04
Interest	37.34
Abatements	7,544.41
Balance Dec. 31, 1972	24,570.91
	<u>\$ 93,209.70</u>
	<u>\$ 93,209.70</u>

Personal Property Taxes – 1968

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 218.40
Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 218.40
	<u>\$ 218.40</u>
	<u>\$ 218.40</u>

Personal Property Taxes – 1969

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 176.40
Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 176.40
	<u>\$ 176.40</u>
	<u>\$ 176.40</u>

Personal Property Taxes – 1970

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 213.59
Interest	9.12

Collections:	
Tax	\$ 62.54
Interest	9.12
Balance Dec. 31, 1972	151.05
	<u>\$ 222.71</u>
	<u>\$ 222.71</u>

Personal Property Taxes – 1971

Balance January 1, 1972	\$ 953.05
Interest	21.12
Collections:	
Tax	\$ 451.36
Interest	21.12
Balance Dec. 31, 1972	501.69
	\$ 974.17
	\$ 974.17

Personal Property Taxes – 1972

1972 Commitment	\$ 24,898.95
Interest	10.67
Refund	28.04

Collections:	
Tax	\$ 23,763.19
Interest	10.67
Abatements	37.39
Uncoll. Dec. 31, 1972	1,126.41
	\$ 24,937.66
	\$ 24,937.66

Farm Animal Excise Taxes – 1972

1972 Commitment	\$ 39.85
Interest	.80
Collections:	
Tax	\$ 39.85
Interest	.80
	\$ 40.65
	\$ 40.65

Personal Property Taxes – 1972

1972 Commitment	\$ 24,898.95
Interest	10.67
Refund	28.04

Water Lien Accounts – 1972

1972 Commitment	\$ 770.87
Collections:	
Transferred to Tax Title Account	\$ 765.92
	4.95
	\$ 770.87
	\$ 770.87

Summary and Comparison

1971 – 1972

Commitments

	1971	1972	Increase
Real Estate Taxes	\$1,051,454.88	\$1,165,765.50	\$ 114,310.62
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	125,016.64	113,722.93	11,293.71*
Personal Property Taxes	22,440.24	24,898.95	2,458.71
Farm Animal Excise Taxes	32.00	39.85	7.85
Water Lien Accounts	1,731.92	770.87	961.05*
Special Assessment	370.50	–0–	370.50*
	\$1,201,046.18	\$1,305,198.10	\$ 104,151.92

*Decrease

Collections

	1971	1972	Increase
Real Estate Taxes	\$1,022,921.08	\$1,126,547.01	\$ 103,625.93
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	111,603.57	91,854.12	19,749.45*
Personal Property Taxes	21,867.13	24,318.80	2,451.67
Farm Animal Excise Taxes	32.64	40.65	8.01
Water Lien Accounts	1,671.25	765.92	905.33*
Special Assessment	370.50	–0–	370.50*
	\$1,158,466.17	\$1,243,526.50	\$ 85,060.33

*Decrease

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Tax Commitments have once again shown a substantial increase. The total for this year is \$1,305,198.10 – an increase of \$104,151.92 over last year. The largest increase is in the Real Estate commitment which is \$114,310.62 over last year. Real Estate Taxes are 96.6% collected this year. The increase in Real Estate is offset by a decrease in Motor Vehicle Excise, Water Liens and Special Assessments. Excise Tax Commitments were very late this year. We are still waiting for a substantial commitment of 1972 Excise Taxes. Many problems have resulted from changes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended by Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1971, created the fiscal cycle law. There will be a transitional period of eighteen months, commencing with January 1, 1973 and ending

June 30, 1974. As the law now stands, Tax bills for 1973 will provide for two payments. A twelve months payment due and payable on or before November 1, 1973; a six months payment due and payable on or before May 1, 1974. The change of fiscal year and the transitional period will result in many changes of book-keeping procedure in the Collector's office.

Once again, I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all Town officials and citizens for their co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold E. Tyler,
Collector of Taxes

TOWN OF MIDDLETON
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
of the
FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee for the Town of Middleton herewith submits its report and recommendations to the annual town meeting of March 13, 1973.

Introduction

Two Acts recently passed by the State and Federal Legislatures have had great impact on forming the ensuing budget.

The first Act is entitled the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 and is more commonly referred to as Federal Revenue Sharing. This law disburses federal funds to state and local governments to supplement income. In general the funds may be used for maintenance and operating expenses for Public Safety, Environmental Protection, Public Transportation, Health, Recreation, Libraries, Social Services, Financial Administration and ordinary and necessary capital expenditures authorized by law. Many other expenditures, however, are prohibited.

The second Act created the State Fiscal Cycle Law. The purpose of this Act was to place all governments within the State on a fiscal cycle of July through June as opposed to January through December. This Act necessitated establishment of one 18 month budget beginning Jan. 1, 1973 and running through June 30, 1974. At the end of this period the budget for the Town will once again revert to a 12 month cycle. It is this one 18 month budget that your Finance Committee recommends for your consideration at this March 1973 Town Meeting.

Recommendations

1. We recommend your support for the establishment of a Charter Commission. During in-depth budget reviews with each Town Department it is apparent that there are overlapping responsibilities and a need to reevaluate the function of each Department. Considerations must be given to regionalization of some activities, consolidation of departments and better utilization of equipment and facilities. The \$3M business of running the Town Government demands more than part-time administration.

2. The total cost of educating our children is overwhelming when compared to the total Town Budget. Waste Disposal is unsettled with respect to its ultimate direction. Each of the Masconomet Region towns attempts to analyze effects of the Masco. Budget independently. The use of Ad Hoc Committees with clearly defined goals is encouraged for use of each existing committee, including Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

3. Long Range Capital Expenditures for our Town must be collectively programmed. Unless this is done we face the probability of major expenditures simultaneously appearing on Town Warrants. The need is real. We intend to meet with the Selectmen for the purpose of establishing a Long Range Capital Investment Committee.

4. As a Finance Committee we have been unable to spend sufficient time on the school budgets. Attempting to review in a few short meetings a budget as complex as that proposed by Masconomett is ineffective and unproductive. In cooperation with the neighboring towns of Boxford and Topsfield we will appoint two members of our Finance Committee to serve as Fin. Comm. advisor and liaison between Regional School budgeting activities and local Finance Committees. We are currently reviewing establishing a similar liaison with our local School Committee.

Summary

The establishment of the 18 month budget has been an exhausting task. Many extra hours have been expended by Department Heads, Selectmen and Committees in providing justification for their requests. To these people we express our sincere gratitude.

Paul Richardson, Chairman
Robert Porteous
Alton Goodale
Donald Halloran
Robert Gowen
Harry Hackett
Robert Spencer

The following is a record of our expenditures from the Reserve Fund for 1972, which should agree with your records.

Reserve Fund Appropriations for 1972	10,000.00
<u>Item</u>	
Board of Appeals Expense Account	46.40
Insurance Account	1,480.70
Elections & Registration Account	282.59
Park Dept., Expense Account	850.00
Treasurers Expense Account	150.00
Administrative Assistant Account	244.67
Total Expended	3,054.36
Unexpended Balance Returned to Town	6,945.64

Very truly yours,

Donald F. Halloran, Clerk
Finance Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Account	Expended 1971	Recommended 1972	Expended 1972	Recommended 1973	Recommended First Half 1974	Recommended Jan. 1973 Thru Jan. 1974
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
1. Moderator						
1.1. Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	75.00
1.2. Finance Committee						
2. Expenses	50.00	100.00	30.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
2.1. Selectmen						
3. Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
4. Expenses	3,494.05	4,000.00	3,993.89	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
5. Administrative Assist	5,772.79	5,720.00	5,486.23	5,720.00	2,860.00	8,580.00
5.1. Administrative (Training)	0.00	275.00	519.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.2. Accountant						
6. Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
7. Clerical	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	250.00	750.00
8. Expenses	355.26	850.00	841.36	341.00	230.00	571.00
8.1. Treasurer						
9. Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
10. Clerical	1,066.70	1,000.00	950.49	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
11. Expenses	1,568.14	1,609.00	1,759.00	1,975.00	1,000.00	2,975.00
12. Computer Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	600.00	1,850.00
13. Tax Titles	2,350.89	2,500.00	2,115.38	2,600.00	800.00	3,400.00
13.1. Collector of Taxes						
14. Salary	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
15. Clerk	2,287.50	2,363.00	2,363.00	2,363.00	990.00	3,353.00
16. Expenses	1,667.61	1,540.00	1,476.13	1,802.50	901.00	2,703.50
17. Computer Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	232.00	125.00	357.00
17.1. Assessors						
18. Salaries	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
19. Clerk	1,794.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	975.00	2,925.00
20. Expenses	1,646.92	2,475.00	2,209.70	2,165.00	950.00	3,115.00
21. Wages (Assessment only)	1,900.00	1,900.00	761.99	1,900.00	950.00	2,850.00
21.1. Town Counsel						
22. Salary	3,300.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
23. Expenses	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	750.00	2,250.00
23.1. Town Clerk						
24. Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
25. Expenses	404.50	495.00	473.22	555.00	305.00	860.00
26. Office Equipment	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26.1. Elections & Registrations						
27. Salaries	200.00	500.00	500.00	300.00	250.00	550.00
28. Expenses	1,619.94	571.00	618.10	766.00	385.00	1,151.00
29. Wages	0.00	1,775.00	2,010.49	875.00	875.00	1,750.00
29.1. Planning Board						
30. Clerical	0.00	350.00	245.00	350.00	175.00	525.00
31. Advertising	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00	300.00
32. Consultant	0.00	400.00	200.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
33. Expenses	954.60	450.00	390.89	450.00	225.00	675.00
33.1. Town Hall						
34. Salary	660.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
35. Expenses—Operating	1,148.00	2,100.00	1,842.67	1,500.00	900.00	2,400.00
36. Expenses—Capital	1,980.99	0.00	83.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
36.1. Memorial Hall						
37. Salary	900.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	600.00	1,800.00
38. Expenses—Operating	2,788.16	3,000.00	3,140.63	3,300.00	2,000.00	5,300.00
39. Expenses—Capital	4,942.08	0.00	1,084.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
40. Remodeling (Tax Office)	0.00	1,000.00	235.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
40.1. Personnel Board						
41. Clerk	225.00	300.00	287.50	400.00	200.00	600.00
42. Expenses	61.95	100.00	20.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
SUB TOTALS	63,389.74	66,423.00	62,488.29	63,644.50	32,121.00	95,765.50

PUBLIC SAFETY

Constable						
43. Salary	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	75.00
Police Department						
44. Chief's Salary	10,616.00	11,200.00	11,200.00	14,306.00	7,153.00	21,459.00
45. Wages	52,384.06	61,949.00	61,951.43	65,065.00	32,749.00	97,814.00
46. Overtime	0.00	0.00		1,800.00	900.00	2,700.00
47. Expenses	9,931.05	10,341.00	9,717.95	13,080.00	5,715.00	18,795.00
Fire Department						
48. Chief's Salary	10,341.00	10,910.00	10,910.00	13,131.00	7,152.25	20,283.25
49. Salaries	2,175.00	2,925.00	1,931.25	2,925.00	1,462.50	4,387.50
50. Wages	56,251.37	59,128.00	58,969.15	56,171.00	29,054.50	85,225.50
51. Overtime	0.00	0.00		6,351.00	3,402.00	9,753.00
52. Expenses	12,260.95	10,350.00	10,011.79	11,325.00	5,400.00	16,765.00
53. Expenses "Special"	0.00	1,925.00	1,769.26	1,275.00	0.00	1,275.00
Building Inspector						
54. Salary	1,700.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
55. Expenses	779.12	800.00	807.18	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
Board of Appeals						
56. Expenses	176.58	70.00	116.40	150.00	75.00	225.00
57. Clerk	0.00	360.00	360.00	360.00	180.00	540.00
58. Advertising	0.00	520.00	372.65	600.00	300.00	900.00
Wire Inspector						
59. Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
60. Expenses	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Civil Defense						
61. Expenses	33.00	100.00	98.61	100.00	50.00	150.00
Gas Inspector						
62. Salary	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
63. Expenses	93.00	100.00	97.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
Plumbing Inspector						
64. Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	300.00	900.00
65. Expenses	112.00	150.00	103.60	150.00	75.00	225.00
Forestry Department						
66. Expenses	2,005.77	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	800.00	3,200.00
67. Insect & Pest Control	1,782.19	2,000.00	1,006.16			2,600.00
68. Dutch Elm	2,179.25	2,600.00	2,600.00	4,600.00	1,200.00	3,200.00
69. New Trees	499.95	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	600.00
70. Salary—Tree Warden	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
Dog Officer						
71. Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	300.00	900.00
72. Expenses	797.65	800.00	800.00	800.00	400.00	1,200.00
SUB TOTALS	167,617.84	183,828.00	180,422.43	200,689.00	99,233.25	299,922.25

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health						
73. Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
74. Expenses	22,190.34	21,000.00	14,407.81	18,303.00	10,164.00	28,467.00
75. Supplies—Land Fill	0.00	9,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	12,000.00
76. Community Health	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00
77. Mental Health	1,265.28	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,943.00	1,000.00	2,943.00
78. Expenses—Solid Land Comm. Inspector of Animals				1,480.00	740.00	2,220.00
79. Salary	250.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
80. Expenses	92.10	100.00	83.20	100.00	50.00	150.00
SUB TOTAL		39,100.00	30,491.01	36,226.00	22,154.00	58,380.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

81. Road Machinery Account	6,490.21	8,000.00*	7,042.92*	8,000.00*	4,000.00*	12,000.00*
82. Highway Supervisors Salary	9,000.00	9,495.00**	9,495.00**	10,150.00**	5,075.00**	15,225.00**
83. Highway Expenses	25,266.63	28,617.00	28,406.95	30,357.00	15,178.50	45,535.00
84. Chapter 81	9,338.16			9,350.00	4,675.00	14,025.00
85. Chapter 81 State	9,338.16	18,700.00***	18,671.11***	9,350.00***	4,675.00***	14,025.00***
86. Chapter 90 Construction	4,750.00			4,750.00	0.00	4,750.00
87. Chapter 90 County & State	13,560.18	19,000.00**	22,266.43***	14,250.00***	0.00***	14,250.00***
88. Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,998.37	5,000.00	4,918.75	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
89. Snow Removal	33,593.40	40,000.00	39,862.31			
90. Labor regular				7,700.00	5,820.00	13,520.00
91. Labor overtime				9,000.00	6,750.00	15,750.00
92. Equipment-Town				4,000.00	3,000.00	7,000.00
93. Equipment-Hire				7,500.00	5,700.00	13,200.00
94. Sand				6,300.00	4,800.00	11,100.00
95. Salt				7,500.00	5,700.00	13,200.00
96. Snow Plow Blades & Parts				3,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
97. Storm Drains		3,000.00	2,535.76	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
SUB TOTALS		76,617.00	73,188.01	97,457.00	55,123.50	152,580.50

*To be taken from Road Machinery Account

**To be taken from Available Dept. Funds

***County and State Reimbursement to Surplus Revenue

(Asterisked items not included in dollar totals)

Veterans Services						
98. Veterans Agent Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,500.00
99. Expenses	595.00	600.00	539.35	600.00	300.00	900.00
100. Veterans Aid	6,497.93	9,000.00	5,081.47	9,000.00	4,500.00	13,500.00
SUB TOTALS	8,022.93	10,600.00	6,620.82	10,600.00	5,300.00	15,900.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

101. Elementary School						
102. Salaries	374,645.81	429,498.00	424,692.21			766,417.00
103. Expenses	84,845.49	100,068.00	106,676.21			182,858.00
104. Supt. out of State Travel	198.50	250.00	232.00			500.00
105. Insurance	0.00	0.00		4,161.56	4,125.56	8,287.12
106. Vocational Education	4,184.41	5,000.00	3,863.59	5,000.00	4,000.00	9,000.00
107. Masco. Reg. School Dist.	591,670.64	646,605.96	646,605.96			1,169,416.56
108. Vocational Reg. School Dist.	0.00	100.00	100.00			3,999.00
SUB TOTAL	1,055,284.85	1,181,421.96	1,182,169.97			2,140,477.68

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

109. Salaries	13,374.17	16,800.00	14,757.58	19,900.00	11,500.00	31,400.00
110. Insurance	0.00	1,200.00	638.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
111. Expenses	9,582.98	9,960.98	9,915.30	13,525.00	7,097.00	20,622.00
112. Plus Dog Tax & State Aid	1,700.00	2,549.02	2,549.02			
SUB TOTAL	24,631.06	30,510.00	27,859.90	33,425.00	18,597.00	52,022.00

RECREATION

113. Park Labor	0.00	3,000.00	2,198.29	2,000.00	800.00	2,800.00
114. Expenses	2,993.63	500.00	1,348.86	1,000.00	400.00	1,400.00
115. East Street Pool	463.20	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
116. New Equipment	489.78	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	750.00
117. Wages Beach Life Guard	2,089.50	2,050.00	2,049.75	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
118. Town Picnic	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
119. Basketball Program	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
110. Skating	0.00	600.00	157.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
111. Wages Playground	0.00	1,800.00	1,786.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
112. Playgound Equipment	0.00	300.00	96.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
113. Swimming Equipment	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
114. Transportation			1,035.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
SUB TOTAL	7,036.11	10,450.00	10,671.13	6,750.00	1,450.00	8,200.00

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

115. Commissioners Salary	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	75.00	225.00
116. Supt. of Burials	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	75.00
117. Labor	0.00	0.00		8,380.00	4,840.00	13,220.00
118. Expenses	10,230.00	10,730.00	10,702.17	2,750.00	1,700.00	4,450.00
119. Opening Graves	2,278.31	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,250.00	3,750.00
120. Equipment	249.95	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
121. Hot Top	498.00	500.00	374.78	500.00	0.00	500.00
SUB TOTALS	13,456.26	13,930.00	13,776.95	14,330.00	7,890.00	22,220.00

UNCLASSIFIED

122. Retirement Assessment	37,257.38	44,672.00	44,671.77	45,655.79	22,827.90	68,483.69
123. Printing Town Reports	2,418.82	3,000.00	2,008.20	3,200.00	3,200.00	6,400.00
124. Sick Leave	1,040.00	3,000.00	1,250.00	3,000.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
125. Memorial Day	790.50	800.00	636.18	800.00	800.00	1,600.00
122. General Liability Insurance	6,792.61	10,000.00	18,635.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
127. Motor Vehicle Insurance	4,601.50	5,230.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
128. Insurance	1,119.19	1,200.00	1,132.92	18,154.44	18,154.44	36,308.88
129. Blue Cross-Blue Shield	14,935.04	18,000.00	16,553.56	25,000.00	14,000.00	39,000.00
130. Christmas Lighting	79.30	75.00	59.65	90.00	0.00	90.00
131. Street Lighting	7,396.91	6,500.00	5,174.17	7,000.00	4,000.00	11,000.00
132. Reserve Fund	5,047.68	10,000.00	3,054.36	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
133. Conservation Commission	40.00	300.00	38.19	300.00	150.00	450.00
134. State & Municipal Retirement	522.67	600.00	549.66	1,468.87	1,500.00	2,968.87
SUB TOTAL	82,041.60	108,377.00	99,764.36	114,669.10	71,132.34	185,801.44

MATURING DEBT & INTEREST

135. School Addition 1966	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
136 Fuller Meadow School 1964	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
137. Interest	15,576.78	22,000.00	17,725.90	20,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00
SUB TOTAL	45,576.78	52,000.00	47,725.90	50,000.00	5,000.00	55,000.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Water Department

138. Salaries	300.00	450.00	300.00	450.00	0.00	950.00
139. Expenses	221.53	450.00	427.29	550.00	300.00	850.00
140. Maintenance	1,333.90	4,600.00	996.51	4,600.00	2,300.00	6,900.00
141. Debt Repayment	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00	2,300.00	6,100.00
SUB TOTAL	5,655.43	9,300.00	5,523.80	9,400.00	4,900.00	14,300.00

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

142. Depreciation	42,664.74	45,895.00	45,894.49	54,559.00	30,000.00	84,559.00
143. Production	291,092.23	686,700.00	383,575.92	869,500.00	558,500.00	1,428,000.00
144. Maintenance-Operation	149,050.86	162,599.00	177,521.38 ¹	194,259.00	120,044.00	314,303.00
145. Insurance	0.00	0.00		4,227.56	4,227.56	8,455.12
146. County Retirement	0.00	0.00		4,344.21	4,344.21	8,688.42
SUB TOTAL	482,807.83	895,172.00	606,991.79	1,126,889.77	717,115.77	1,844,005.54

GRAND TOTALS

1 – Funds Transferred

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

ESSEX SS. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleton in the County of Essex:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Howe-Manning School Auditorium in said Middleton on Tuesday the 13th day of March next at eight o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLES 1 – 39

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen-month period beginning January 1, 1973, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 3. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to increase the Town's share of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan for employees governed by the Personnel Board from 50% to 75% and that this increase be effective as of January 1, 1973.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the town will vote to amend the town By-laws, Personnel Plan as follows:

1. By deleting in Title IV, Section 4.02, Paragraph 2 the number "40" and substituting the number "50." Said paragraph then to read: "The overtime rate of pay for the Fire Department, uniformed permanent members, shall be calculated on the basis of a 50-hour week."

ARTICLE 5. On petition of the Personnel Board, to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws Personnel Plan as follows:

By deleting Title VII Section 7.08 as it now reads, and substituting the following:

Position of Title	Salary 1972	Approved by Board for 1973	Salary Recommended thru 6/30/74
NON-CLASSIFIED			
Moderator	50.00	50.00	25.00
Selectmen	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Treasurer	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Tax Collector	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Assessors	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Town Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Constable	50.00	50.00	25.00
Tree Warden	100.00	100.00	50.00
Cemetery Commissioners	50.00	50.00	25.00
Water Commissioners	150.00	150.00	75.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Surveyor	9,450.00	10,150.00	5,075.00
Laborer (perm)	3.43	3.53	3.53
Laborer (P.T.)	2.48		2.48
Laborer (temp)	2.21		2.21

PARK, FORESTRY, CEMETERY DEPTS.

Foreman (Working)	3.69	3.80	3.80
Laborer (Perm)	3.43	3.53	3.53
Laborer (P.T.)	2.48		
Laborer (Temp)	2.21		
Tree Climber	3.43		
Supt. of Burials	50.00		

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief	10,910.00	13,131.00	7,153.00
Deputy Chief	9,511.00	10,034.00	5,152.00
Lieutenant	8,588.00	9,060.00	4,864.50
Firefighter (p)	8,298.00	8,754.00	4,768.50
Captain (C)	300. pr/yr. 3.25 pr/hr.	300.00 pr/yr. 3.25 pr/hr.	150.00 3.25 pr/hr.
Lieutenant (C)	100.00 pr/yr. 3.25 pr/hr.	100.00 pr/yr. 3.25 pr/hr.	50.00 pr/yr. 3.25 pr/hr.
Firefighter (C)	75.00 pr/yr. 3.25 pr/hr.	75.00 pr/yr. 3.25 pr/hr.	37.50 pr/yr. 3.25 pr/hr.
Drillmaster (C)	25.00	25.00	12.50
Dept. Machinist (C)	50.00	50.00	25.00

CLERICAL

Clerk-Treasurer	2.32	2.32	2.32
Clerk-Assessors	2.53	2.53	2.53
Clerk-Tax Collector	2.64	2.64	2.64
Clerk-Inspectors		2.53	2.53
		(new position)	
Clerk-Accountant		2.32	2.32
		(new position)	

ADMINISTRATIVE

Town Accountant	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Secretary-Clerk	5,720.00	5,892.00	2,946.00

INSPECTION

Health Agent	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Building Inspector	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Gas Inspector	400.00	400.00	200.00
Plumbing Inspector	600.00	600.00	300.00
Wire Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Inspector of Animals	450.00	450.00	225.00
Dog Officer	600.00	600.00	300.00

LIBRARY

Head Librarian	2,300.00	3,500.00	1,750.00
1st Asst. Librarian	2.90	2.90	
2nd Asst. Librarian	2.64	2.64	
3rd Asst. Librarian	2.32	2.32	
Clerk-Typist	2.18	2.18	
Page	1.58	1.58	

MISCELLANEOUS

Custodian Town Hall	800.00	800.00	400.00
Custodian Memorial Hall	1,200.00	1,200.00	600.00
Custodian Library	1,200.00	1,200.00	600.00
Veterans Agent	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Town Counsel	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
Clerk, Registrar of Voters	100.00	100.00	
Registrar of Voters	100.00	50.00	
Secretary, Planning Board	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.
Secretary, Personnel Board	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.
Secretary, Water Comm.	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.	17.50 pr/mtg.
Board of Appeals	30.00 pr/mo.	30.00 pr/mo.	30.00 pr/mo.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief	11,200.00	14,306.00	7,153.00
Sergeant	9,511.00	10,034.00	5,152.00
Patrolman	9,259.00	9,537.00	4,768.50
Patrolman (Special)	3.50	3.50	3.50
Safety Officer	New Position	50.00	25.00
Narcotics Officer	New Position	50.00	25.00
Juvenile Officer	New Position	50.00	25.00

ARTICLE 6. To fix the compensation of elected officers; to determine whether any Town Board shall be authorized to employ for additional salary or compensation any of its members; provide for a reserve fund; and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest for the ensuing eighteen months.

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$25,000.00 from the 1972 earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of all the income of the Municipal Light Department to said Department; the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners for the expenses of the Department for the fiscal year as defined in Section 57 or Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and the excess is to be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Department for use as the Commissioners may direct.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$5,700.00 to be expended for the purchase of a new 1973 International Truck Cab and Chassis or equivalent, in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$3,600.00 for the purchase of a new 1973 Automatic Sander in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Park Commissioners to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$4,100.00 to be expended for the purchase of a new truck in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Cemetery Commissioners; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Police Chief to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$2,900.00, which together with the exchange value of the present 1972 Ford Custom four-door sedan which the selectmen shall trade in to be used to purchase a new Police Cruiser in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Board of Selectmen and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by monies from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$15,000.00 to be expended for the purchase of an ambulance to be used by the Fire Department and Police Department in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Board of Selectmen; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, from the Stabilization Fund, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 to purchase a new radio base station, with necessary equipment, for the Fire Department, or take any other action thereto, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 15. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to replace and repair the roof of Memorial Hall, a Town building, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 16. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,700.00 to renovate the Town Hall to provide a Community Center, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 17. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for an initial study to place the Town Accounts Payable under computer control, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer of available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to establish a drug education and prevention program: said fund to be administered by the Board of Health; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by monies from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 19. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be held as a separate account, said sum to be expended by the Council on Aging for programs for the elderly in accordance with provisions of Chapter 40, Section SB of the General Laws of the Commonwealth; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by monies from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 20. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 to pay the medical expenses under Workmen's Compensation for an employee of the Town and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 21. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,813.58 for unpaid bills of the previous year as follows:

<u>Public Safety – Police Department</u>		
44.	Wages	\$91.83

<u>Building Inspector</u>		
53.	Expenses	\$95.45

<u>School Department – Elementary</u>		
92.	Salaries	\$ 550.00
93.	Expenses	\$1076.30

and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 22. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to be used for expenses by the Charter Commission as set forth in Chapter 43B; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 23. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Commission; such commission to consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 24. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to add one permanent employee, who will work in the Park, Cemetery and Forestry Departments, and to appropriate the sum of \$9,178. to pay the salary of this employee for an 18-month period.

ARTICLE 25. On petition of the Police Station Building Committee, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used by the Committee to supplement existing funds for the construction and equipping of a Police Station, and to see if such funds will be provided from surplus revenue, from available funds, by borrowing, by bonding in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 26. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate \$6,874.33 to repay a loan negotiated on Dec. 20, 1972, in anticipation of bonding for the Police Station authorized by Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 30, 1971, and to see if such funds will be provided by borrowing, from available funds, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 27. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to be used by the Selectmen to supplement existing funds to provide for an Electronic Burglar and Fire Alarm Service in Memorial Hall; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 28. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000. to be used for new radios, firearms, and other equipment for the Police Department, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 29. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the fees for inspection by the Inspector of Wires; such fees were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Middleton on February 6, 1962, and now to be amended as follows:

Blanket permits issued for commercial and industrial, yearly	\$10.00
New Homes or apartments	10.00
Residential, fixtures, heat, power or appliances	3.00
Commercial and/or Industrial electric service	10.00
New electric service	3.00
Temporary Electric Service	3.00
Each additional electric meter	1.00
Electric Sign	2.00
New gasoline pump	5.00
Replace gasoline pump	2.00
Swimming Pool	5.00
Aluminum Siding	5.00

ARTICLE 30. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by deleting in Part One, Section I, Sub-Section (1), in the first sentence, the last word, "March" and inserting in its place the word, "May."

ARTICLE 31. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 for a calculator for the Town Accountant, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue sharing, or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 32. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting in the first paragraph of Section VI, G-2 — Promotion of Harmonious Development after the words, "Institutional District" the following words, "or 'IH' Interstate Highway Business District."

ARTICLE 33. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting in the first paragraph of Section VI — Site Plans, after the words "Institutional District", the following words: "of 'IH' Interstate Highway Business District."

ARTICLE 34. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out Section VII – Earth Removal – which presently reads.

“The Board of Appeals under the procedures stated in Section X below may authorize the removal of sod, loam, sand, gravel or other earth products from a lot where such removal is not permitted as an accessory use. In such cases, the Board shall impose conditions relative to the hours of operation and routes for transporting the material through the Town, and impose requirements for regrading and planting the area to suitable cover when operations are completed. Said Board shall require a bond or other security for compliance with the terms of its authorization.”

and inserting the following:

Section VII B – Earth Removal

No sod, loam, clay, sand, gravel, quarried stone or other earth material which forms a part of the real estate of the Town of Middleton shall be carried, conveyed or moved outside the boundaries of the Town of Middleton for any purpose whatsoever, except for new building construction, at which time the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit for Removal of clay; sand, gravel or quarried stone from the Town of Middleton.

ARTICLE 35. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53C, of the Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.) which reads as follows”

“In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, all monies received by it in payment for off-duty work details of members of its police department shall be deposited in the treasury, shall be kept in a separate fund by the treasurer apart from any other of its money, funds, or other property, and shall be expended without further appropriation at the direction of the Chief of Police or other officer having similar duties for the purpose of paying its police officers for such off-duty work details, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 53.”

and to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to establish the revolving account and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer of available funds or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 36. On petition of the Water and Sewer Commission to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,634.97 for the purpose of installing six-inch water lines on Mt. Vernon Street, Washington Street and Lakeview Avenue, according to specifications of the Water and Sewer Commissioners, and to see if such funds will be provided by transferring \$4,634.97 from the South Main Street Extension Account, and by transfer of \$10,000.00 from available funds.

ARTICLE 37. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to raze and make safe the fire-destroyed building owned by the Town of Middleton, situated on Lots 1003 through 1006 on Arrow Street, Middleton, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

ARTICLE 38. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to declare that an industrial development financing authority is needed in the Town and that unemployment or the threat thereof exists in the Town, or security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity is required in the Town, and that unemployment or the threat thereof can be alleviated or the security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity can be provided, by attracting new industry to the Town or substantially expanding industry existing in the Town through an industrial development project or projects financed under Chapter 40D of the General Laws. In determining the need for such an authority, the Town shall take into consideration its ability to adjust to any expected increase in the demand for Town facilities and services as a result of the expected increase in employment and business activity from such industrial development.

ARTICLE 39. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to adopt for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire and explosion, that certain code known as the Fire Prevention Code recommended by the American Insurance Association, being particularly the 1970 edition thereof and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended herein, of which code not less than (2) two copies shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk after the adoption of said code, and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this By-Law shall take effect, the provisions hereof shall be controlled within the limits of the Town of Middleton.

Section 1. The Fire Prevention Code shall be enforced by the Chief of the Fire Department, in the Town of Middleton.

- Section 2. The Fire Chief may detail such members of the Fire Department as Inspectors, as shall from time to time be necessary.
- Section 3. Definitions.
- (A) Wherever the word "Municipality" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Town of Middleton.
- (B) Wherever the word, or term, "Corporation Counsel" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Town Counsel for the Town of Middleton.
- Section 4. Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of Explosives and Blasting Agents is to be prohibited.
- (A) The limits referred to in Section 12.5B of the Fire Prevention Code, in which the storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby established as follows: Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.
- Section 5. Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of Flammable Liquids in outside aboveground tanks is to be prohibited.
- (A) The limits referred to in Section 16.22A of the Fire Prevention Code in which the storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, are hereby established as follows; Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.
- Section 6. Establishment of limits in which Bulk Storage of Liquified Petroleum Gases is to be restricted.
- (A) The limits referred to in section 21.6A of the Fire Prevention Code, in which bulk storage of liquified petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby described as follows: Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.
- Section 7. To add to Section 14.4 Automatic Sprinkler Systems.
- (1) Any building that has more than five (5) floors that are used for any purpose, whether it be for habitation, office or storage use, shall be completely protected by a sprinkler system.
- (2) The sprinkler system shall be installed in accordance with National Fire Protection standards No. 13 and 13A.
- (3) Each tenant floor would be considered a separate fire area in the design of the sprinkler system, with a shut off valve for each floor.
- (4) An indicator panel with local supervision would be located at the building entrance, easily accessible to firefighters, to designate by signal the floor on which the sprinkler is operating.
- (5) At the same indicator panel there would be a provision for takeover of control on one elevator by firefighters.
- (6) Because of the elevation of the building a pressure tank, or pump, (If a pump, it must have auxiliary power) shall be installed in accordance with NFPA requirements.
- (7) A wet standpipe system must also be installed in each stairwell in accordance with NFPA requirements. Also at each floor level there shall be a gated 2½" outlet, equipped with an adaptor from 2½" to 1½" National Standard Threads (Male).
- (8) Outside fire department standpipe connections for the sprinkler must be in accordance with NFPA requirements.
- (9) All stairwells must be provided with awning type windows, or windows that can be easily opened by the fire department at each floor, so that smoke may be relieved readily from the stairwell.
- (10) A master fire alarm box shall be installed at the front entrance of each building.

- (11) This box will automatically monitor the sprinkler system, fire detection system and any other alarm actuating devices, and transmit an alarm to the Fire Department.
- (12) Suitable fire gongs shall be installed on each floor so as to notify the tenants if a fire is in progress, and there shall be pull stations on each floor.
- (13) All the above mentioned requirements shall meet the approval of the Middleton Fire Chief.

Section 8. Modifications.

The Chief of the Fire Department shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code upon application, in writing, by the owner or lessee, or his duly authorized agent, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the Code, provided that the spirit of the Code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such modifications when granted, or allowed, and the decision of the Fire Chief thereon shall be entered upon the records of the Fire Department and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.

Section 9. Appeals.

Whenever the Chief of the Fire Department shall disapprove an application, or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the Code have been misconstrued, or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Chief of the Fire Department to the Board of Selectmen within fifteen days from the date of the decision appealed.

Section 10. New Materials, Processes, or Occupancies which may require Permits.

The Board of Selectmen and the Chief of the Fire Department shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, such notice to be given publication for one week in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Middleton, any new materials, processes, or occupancies, which shall require permits, in addition to those enumerated in said Code. The Chief of the Fire Department shall post such list in a conspicuous place in his office, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons upon request.

Section 11. Penalties.

- (A) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the Code hereby adopted or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such order as affirmed or modified by the Board of Selectmen, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$20.00 for each offense. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.
- (B) The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

Section 12. Validity.

The Board of Selectmen hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this By-Law, or of the Code herein adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Middleton Board of Selectmen that it would have passed all other portions of this By-Law independent of the elimination herefrom of any portion as may be declared invalid.

As sponsored by the Chief of the Fire Department.



YOUR SERVICES

Accountant	774-6514	Highway Department	774-9177
Assessors	774-2099	Housing Authority	774-4333 or 774-5885
Assistant to Board of Selectmen	774-3344	Library	774-8132
Board of Appeals	774-5759	Planning Board	774-3822
Board of Health	774-2850	Police Department	774-4424
Building Inspector	774-2850	School Department	
Community Nurse	774-4105	Elementary	774-3517
Dog Officer	774-4728	Masconomet	887-2323
Elections & Registrations	774-4882	Selectmen	774-3344
Electric Light Department	774-4313	Tax Collector	774-1867
Fire Department		Town Clerk	774-4882
EMERGENCY	774-2211	Town Treasurer	774-8327
BUSINESS	774-3226	Tree Warden	774-0586
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	944-5099	Veterans' Agent	774-1815
Health Agent	774-2850	Wiring Inspector	774-0989

UNITED STATE SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy (D)
 John F. Kennedy Federal Building
 Boston, Massachusetts
 223-2826

Edward W. Brooke (R)
 John F. Kennedy Federal Building
 Boston, Massachusetts
 223-7240

STATE SENATOR
 William L. Saltonstall
 388 Summer Street
 Manchester, Massachusetts
 526-7111

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN
 Michael J. Harrington
 208 Post Office Building
 Salem, Massachusetts
 745-5800

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
 Robert C. Buell
 Woodcrest Road
 Boxford, Massachusetts
 887-5374

ESSEX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Daniel J. Burke	Edward H. Cahill	William J. Donovan
	32 Federal Street	
	Salem, Massachusetts	
	744-2840	

THINGS TO REMEMBER

What?	When?	Where?
Annual Elections	1st Monday after Annual Town Meeting	Fuller Meadow School
Annual Town Meeting	2nd Tuesday of March	Howe-Manning School
Board of Appeals	3rd Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Board of Assessors	Every Tuesday 7-9 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Board of Health	1st Thursday 7:30 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Board of Selectmen	Every Tuesday 7:30 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Council on Aging	2nd Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Orchard Circle
Finance Committee	3rd Tuesday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Housing Authority	4th Monday of month 8 P.M.	Orchard Circle
Industrial Development Comm.	2nd Monday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Library Trustees	2nd Monday of month 7:30 P.M.	Flint Public Library
Planning Board	2nd Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
Personnel Board	1st Monday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall
School Committee		
Elementary	2nd & 4th Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Howe-Manning School
Regional	1st & 3rd Wednesday of month 8 P.M.	Masconomet Regional H.S.
Town Clerk	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7-9 P.M.	King St.
Water & Sewer Commissioners	2nd Thursday of month 8 P.M.	Memorial Hall

For any information concerning local boards or committees call the Selectmen's Office 774-3344
 Monday thru Friday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.





Town of
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Includes Final Report of
Charter Commission

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES S. CLINCH, SR.
1882 - 1972

Custodian of Howe-Manning School
1942 - 1950

RAYMOND H. CURRIER
1869 - 1973

Electric Light Department
1932 - 1955

GERALD V. LANE
1934 - 1973

Water & Sewer Commissioner
1971 - 1973

PERLEY D. LOVELACE
1902 - 1973

Custodian of Howe-Manning School
1957 - 1972

Would you help?

**Quality government needs
to find concerned and
effective members for our
boards and commissions.**

Are you available?

Please complete and return

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The filling out of this form in no way assures appointment.
All committee vacancies will be filled by citizens deemed
most qualified to serve in a particular capacity. (See reverse
side list of committees.)

Town of Middleton

CITIZENS ACTIVITY RECORD

Telephone—Home

Business

Amount of Time
Dates Available

TOWN OFFICES HELD
(in Middleton or Elsewhere)

Date
Appointed

Office

Term
Expires

For Additional — Use Reverse Side

Good Government Starts with You

TOWN OFFICES

REMARKS

To Which Regular Appointments Are Made

Conservation Commission
Board of Health
Industrial Development Commission
Recreation Commission
Civil Defense
Finance Committee
Registrars of Voters
Zoning Board of Appeals
MBTA Advisory Committee
Personnel Board
Council on Aging

It would be most helpful if particular fields — such as finance, law, engineering, etc. be emphasized on this form, so that the selections may be made on the best evaluation of interests and special qualifications possible.

Mail to —

Board of Selectmen
Middleton
Massachusetts

1973

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Massachusetts

***TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH
MUNICIPAL YEAR***

For the year ending December 31st

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FIRE CHIEF — HAROLD F. PURDY

In the year 1946, Harold F. Purdy, with his wife Dorothy and young son Franklin, moved from Danvers to 29 North Main Street, Middleton, to start a Rest Home.

In those days there was no town office with 24-hour coverage, and the Fire Department was "All Call." A year later, when the Selectmen wanted coverage night and day, Harold agreed to take over, and they appointed him to the Fire Department as a Call Private on May 1, 1947. From then on, Harold and Dot were the Fire Alarm Operations, and lived with the telephone and radio 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Harold's dedication to his agreement was complete, and no one knows how many times he "just didn't go out" to cover the Fire Department telephone and radio. On May 1, 1948, he was promoted to Call Captain, and on May 1, 1950, to Chief of the Call Department.

In 1962, the Town Meeting voted to approve the appointment of a Permanent Chief of the Fire Department, and on December 3, 1962, Harold was named to that position by the Board of Selectmen.

Harold was the driving force and the planner of the present Fire Department. The Town is proud of the department he built, and grateful to him, for it is widely recognized as one of the best small-town departments anywhere. While his service to the Town and the Fire Department will never end, his active day-to-day participation in activities ended on July 1, 1973, when he was forced to retire because of ill health. His leadership and ability will be missed in the Town.

In dedicating this issue of the Town of Middleton Annual Report to Fire Chief Harold F. Purdy, we wish him and his family the very best — and a happy retirement.

Thanks, Harold.

The Town of Middleton

TOWN OFFICERS 1973

ELECTED

MODERATOR

John R. Wallen 1974

TOWN CLERK

William T. Martin, Jr. 1975

SELECTMEN

Leon J. LeBlanc (Chairman resigned 12-1-73) 1974
 Dennis E. Currier (Chairman 12-1-73) 1975
 Eugene J. LeBlanc (Clerk) 1976

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Paul B. Wake, Chairman 1975
 Donald A. Aylward 1974
 Richard O. Ajootian 1976

TREASURER

Patricia M. Jordan 1974

TAX COLLECTOR

Harold E. Tyler 1975

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Allan G. Marshall 1975

CONSTABLE

Robert T. Peachey 1974

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman 1976
 Henry F. Mooney 1976
 Bruce D. Russell 1975
 Norman Nathan 1975
 Ward Pike Messenger 1974

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

George A. Demeritt 1974
 Francis J. Leary, Jr. 1976
 Theodore H. Butler 1974

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

John T. Dowling, Chairman	1974
John W. Kinsvater	1976
Robert W. Fox	1975

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Michael Lavorgna, Chairman	1976
Edward J. Richardson	1975
William R. Mugford, Jr.	1974

TREE WARDEN

Ernest R. Gould	1974
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PLANNING BOARD

Donald H. Hall, Chairman	1977
Louis A. Barett	1976
Robert J. Pretyis	1975
Eugene J. LeBlanc	1974
Louis J. Hart	1974

TRUSTEES OF FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

James H. Coffin, Chairman	1975
Rita M. Kelley	1974
Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.	1976
Carl C. Jones	1975
Ruth L. Martin	1976
Paul B. Wake	1974

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

James Vrees, Chairman	1976
Richard A. Moreschi	1975
James A. Muise	1974

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Richard G. Goodale, Chairman	1977
Carl A. Peterson	1974
Dominic Pellicelli	1975
George W. Miller	1976
Louis A. Barett	State Appointed to 12-17-75

CHARTER COMMISSION

R. Lionel Barrows, Chairman	John A. Goodwin
George E. Dow, Co-chairman	Robert E. Kelley
John P. Caulfield, Clerk	Shirley M. Raynard
William L. Dearborn	William Barrett
Robert W. Fox	

APPOINTED

ELECTRIC LIGHT MANAGER
J. Lansing English

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

David E. Fairbanks, Chairman	1975
John M. Cryan	1974
Mary C. Hocter	1976
William T. Martin, Jr.	Ex Officio

PROFESSIONAL ASST. TO BD. OF SELECTMEN
Charles H. Bowser

ZONING APPEAL BOARD

Ebbe B. Wennerberg, Chairman	1975
Joseph E. Conceison, Clerk	1974
Philip J. Cataldo	1976
Louis W. Fioretti	1976
R. Lionel Barrows	1975
Robert E. Kelley (Alternate)	1974
Allan R. Cole (Alternate)	1974

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Robert F. Murphy

1975

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Paul F. Richardson, Chairman	1976
Robert N. Porteous	1976
Alton P. Goodale	1974
Harry H. Hackett	1974
Donald F. Halloran	1974
Robert G. Gowen	1975
Vacancy	1975

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS & SLAUGHTERING
Charles H. Ohlson

1974

BOARD OF HEALTH

Thomas F. Dolan, Chairman	1976
Mrs. Jacquelyn Armitage	1975
Willard G. Page	1974

WIRE INSPECTOR
John W. Milbery

1974

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Joseph J. Campano, Jr.

1974

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR
(Zoning enforcement)

Charles H. Bowser

1974

HEALTH AGENT

Leo J. Cormier	1974
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PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR
William Fuller

1974

ASSISTANT HEALTH AGENT
Mrs. Marie Deschamps (Community Nurse)

	1974
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AUTHORITY
Leslie E. Merrifield

CHIEF OF POLICE	1976
Edward J. Richardson	1976

VETERAN'S AGENT & DIRECTOR OF VETERAN'S SERVICES
George M. Farley

1974

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
George W. Nash

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES
Edward J. Richardson

PARK SUPERINTENDENT &
SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL
Ernest J. Gould 1974

DOG OFFICER
Charles H. Ohlson 1974

CUSTODIAN OF TOWN HALL
John R. Barrett 1974

CUSTODIAN OF MEMORIAL HALL
William R. Mugford, Jr. 1974

CUSTODIAN OF TOWN LANDS
Patricia M. Jordan 1974

CIVIL DEFENSE AGENT
Robert W. Fox 1974

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Henry N. Sawyer, Chairman 1974
Leonard Kupreance 1976
Francis E. Goreham 1975
William A. Klosowski, Jr. 1975
Henry A. Tragert 1974

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman 1974
Douglas R. Nelson 1975
John R. Violette

COUNCIL ON AGING
Chester V. Morelli, Chairman 1977
Shirley Raynard 1974
Alice Milbery 1976
Frank Jones 1977
Corinne Roy 1976
Pearl Evans Charron 1974
Richard O. Ajootian 1975
Mary C. Hocter 1975
Joan DeBoer 1974

RECREATION COMMITTEE
John R. Barrett, Temp. Chairman Virginia Wentworth
Geraldine Shipley Frederick P. Brown

LIAISON WITH DEPARTMENTS
Police — Paul F. Armitage
Park — Ernest R. Gould
School — Henrietta Giannino

PERSONNEL BOARD
Alexander J. Popielski, Chairman 1975
Edward E. Coffin, Jr. 1975
Ernest F. Daniels 1976
Richard O. Wadsworth 1974
Harold M. Armitstead 1974

REPRESENTATIVE TO
M.B.T.A. ADVISORY BOARD
Thomas F. Dolan 1974

REPRESENTATIVE TO IPSWICH RIVER
WATERSHED DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
Louis A. Barrett 1974

REPRESENTATIVE TO NORTH SHORE
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL DIST. SCHOOL
COMMITTEE
Frank D. Goodwin to Jan. 1, 1977

BUIDING SPACE COMMITTEE
Patricia M. Jordan
George A. Demeritt
Allan G. Marshall
Bartholomew J. Whelan
Edward J. Richardson
George E. Dow

SCHOOL SITES & NEEDS COMMITTEE
Francis X. Masse, Chairman
Frank Dellazoppa, Clerk
Thomas F. Dolan
Donald H. Hall

FIRE HOSE TOWER BUILDING COMMITTEE
Harold F. Purdy
James H. Ogden
Robert G. Gowen
Robert E. Kelley

TRUSTEES
B. F. EMERSON FUND
Naunkeag Trust Co., Salem, Mass.
Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.
Paul B. Wake
Carl C. Jones
Vacancy

MANSFIELD FUND
Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Mass.

DAVID CUMMINGS FUND
Board of Selectmen

Administration

SELECTMEN

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY-CLERK

PERSONNEL BOARD

SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen respectfully submit the Annual Report to the citizens of Middleton for the year 1973. As in past years the work load of the Selectmen's office has increased considerably due to increased demands by state and federal governments, and the greater demand for services placed upon the Board by the citizens of the Town.

The Board has had, for the second year, the services of an Administrative Assistant, Mr. Charles H. Bowser. This position was funded by the Emergency Employment Act and funding for this position has been extended to May 1974. The Board has recommended to the Charter Commission that they include a similar position in the new charter and they have proposed a position of Town Administrator.

Mr. Bowser has been very helpful to the Board in finding state funds to provide jobs for two high school boys during the 1972-73 year and in finding federal funds for 19 positions for young people during the summer of 1973. Mr. Bowser also kept the Board informed on the course of 'Revenue Sharing' and the changes in the 'New Federalism' as it was developed by the present administration over the past year.

The Board, upon the retirement this past summer of Fire Chief Harold F. Purdy, went through a thorough search for a new chief. The Board was most pleased to find that Deputy Chief George W. Nash was not only a highly qualified Deputy but was certainly the most qualified candidate that appeared before the Board. Our opinion of Deputy Chief Nash was concurred in by most of the fire officials in the area, many of whom sent us letters strongly supporting the appointment of Deputy Chief Nash. The Deputy Chief was appointed Chief on August 7, 1973, with the full support and encouragement of the Board, and he has taken up his duties in what the Board believes is the best small town Fire Department in the state.

The Board represented the Town in one court action this year. The court was asked that a land owner of the town be required to meet the rules and regulations of the state regarding the filling of wet lands. With respect to a request of the Board in 1972 to the State Labor Board the Middleton Police Benevolent Association was appointed bargaining agent for the members of the Middleton Police Department.

The Board continues to have trouble convincing the County Commissioners that there is no support within the Town for idea of having a jail built on the old Essex Sanitarium site. As a matter of fact the Commissioners did take legal steps to restrain the Board from taking actions to prevent such a project. The Board is still working with its representatives in the General Court to prevent a jail

from being built there. The Building Inspector issued a demolition permit to a contractor for the purpose of removing the structures at the Sanitarium, with the provision that none of the rubble would be disposed of in the Town.

As a result of action taken by the Board in 1972, Middleton along with several other neighboring cities and towns in southern Essex County, has been designated as eligible for emergency funds from the Economic Development Agency. No funds have yet been received but it is expected that the Town will apply for assistance during 1974 and that the Town will find federal aid easier to come by should it apply for any.

Mr. Eugene LeBlanc, has been appointed by Governor Sargent to a commission organized for the purpose of determining whether the state should create a new Area Planning Council to be known as the Ipswich River Planning Council. Should such an organization be formed the several cities and towns in the area would be invited to join this new APC and thus be removed from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (Boston).

It appears that 'Revenue Sharing' is going to be a way of life for all of the towns in the United States for some time and your Board along with most other town officials is staying as informed as possible about 'Revenue Sharing.'

In an effort to meet some of the problems that the Town has had in zoning and conservation matters the Board has appointed as their assistant an Assistant Building Inspector for Zoning Enforcement and as Conservation Officer. Both of these tasks are being pursued by him and we feel that an impact has already been made on controlling these problems.

The Board was most surprised when this past year Selectman Leon LeBlanc, Chairman, was forced to resign from the Board as he was moving to the city of Beverly. The Board has missed Mr. LeBlanc and his resignation caused the Board to call a special election for January 28, 1974. Just before Mr. LeBlanc left the Board, Mr. Dennis Currier was elected Chairman.

The Charter Commission was created by action of the Town Meeting in 1973 and ten citizens were elected to the Commission. The Commission began its work early and often worked several nights a week. The Selectmen met with the Board collectively and separately and discussed at length many of the proposed charter items with the Commission. The Board approves the proposed charter and recommends its adoption.

Leon J. LeBlanc, Chairman
resigned 12/1/73
Dennis E. Currier, Chairman 12/1/73
Eugene J. LeBlanc, Clerk



DENNIS E. CURRIER
Chairman
12/1/73



LEON J. LeBLANC
Chairman
Resigned 12/1/73



EUGENE J. LeBLANC
Clerk

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT

The office of Professional Assistant to the Board of Selectmen was created in the Town by action of the Board of Selectmen. In 1971 the Emergency Employment Act made approximately \$10,000 available to the Town for hiring a professional managerial person. The Board opted for an assistant and that position was funded by EEA. At the outset, very general guide lines were set for this position as it was felt that the job would develop with the person hired and the Board.

Over the past year there has been considerable development in the duties and responsibilities of the office of Professional Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.

The duties of the positions require close cooperation with the Board and interaction with and support of most Board activities, therefore the report of the Board of Selectmen includes a report on much of the efforts of their assistant.

The Board added specific new duties to their assistant and he was appointed 'Assistant Building Inspector for Zoning Enforcement' and 'Conservation Officer.' There have been a number of zoning violations to deal with and they have been resolved with little difficulty. The Conservation Commission has been notified of one possible violation. In 1974 the Board will further define the policy and procedures to govern zoning and conservation enforcement.

Finding funds for Neighborhood Youth Corps jobs continues to be a very rewarding situation and it appears that the Town can look forward to continued funding.

As alternate representatives to the South Essex Solid Waste Council I have worked closely with our representative, Mr. Tom Dolan, to find a viable and economical alternative to our present disposal procedures. The Council hopes to have the solution early in 1974.

The Charter Commission was given my views on the administrative management of the town and I have made the services of my office available to them.

There has been some work with Mrs. Marie Deschamps, Community Nurse and Mr. Chester Morelli of the Council on Aging on programs for the elderly. We now have town pickup of surplus food for those without transportation, we are trying to set up "Meals on Wheels" for shut-ins, and we are looking for those eligible for the federal "Supplemental Security Income" program.

Many meetings have been attended this past year and I have represented the town at meetings with professional organizations, various state and regional departments, boards and commissions.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Middleton.

Charles H. Bowser

SELECTMEN'S SECRETARY-CLERK

Since the Selectmen's first floor office, just beyond the "INFORMATION" sign in the lobby, is the only place where residents can get information about procedures of Town Government during the day, it is a busy place from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily, and the Selectmen's Secretary-Clerk must perform many hats. At the behest of the Selectmen, in general, here are the duties:

Opens daily mail, and routes copies of items of interest to other departments of the Town Government who may be concerned. Informs Selectmen of matters needing immediate attention. Weekly sets up agenda for Tuesday night meeting, attends meetings and makes a record of official actions taken therein. Prepares and maintains Jury List. Prepares License forms from applications approved by Selectmen, including: Alcoholic Beverages, Amusement, Auctioneers, Automobile Sales, Classes I, II, III, Common Victualer, Entertainment, Gasoline & Alcohol Sales, Gasoline Shortage, Milk & Cream, Recreation, Selling on Sunday, Taxi, and Miscellaneous, delivers, and collects fees. Prepares bids for all transactions over \$1,000. Maintains files. Takes dictation, writes miscellaneous letters, reports, types Town Meeting Warrants. Works with Senior Citizens and others who need assistance in cutting through the ever-increasing red tape of Government forms.

Acting as liaison with other boards and committees, following are some of the forms and services available: Applications for Building, Alteration, Shingling, Swimming Pool, and Demolition Permits; Gas and Plumbing Permits; Percolation Tests (Health Agent), Licenses for Day Care Centers, Nursery Schools, Manufacture of Carbonated Beverages and Spring Water, Milk Pasteurization (Board of Health), Hearings before Zoning Board of Appeals, Sub-division of Land, Veteran's Bonus. Also, copies of Zoning Maps, Zoning By-Laws, Resident Lists, and last, but not least, something everyone should have, the ever-popular "Dump Sticker" entitling residents to enter the Sanitary Landfill from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, and to swim at Thunder Bridge in the Summer.

Jean K. McSheehy
Selectmen's Secretary-Clerk

PERSONNEL BOARD

The Personnel Board of the Town is responsible for establishing all pay rates for employees of the Town and must make its recommendations to the Town meeting. The Board further acts as mediator and/or arbitrator in matters of dispute between employees and their supervisors.

The year 1973 has been an exceptionally busy year during which the board has held some thirty-eight meetings since beginning business in May.

We regretfully accepted resignations from two key members of our board whose positions have been subsequently filled.

Various sessions were held with the Selectmen, Town Counsel, and all Town Department Heads were invited to at least one session in order to review upcoming personnel requirements.

A new dimension to Personnel Board activities has been undertaken in our collective bargaining negotiations with the newly recognized Middleton Police Benevolent Association which will lead to Middleton's first labor contract. Some twenty-four meetings were held by the Board on these activities both as a board and in conjunction with either the Police Association representatives, with the Board of Selectmen, or with legal counsel. These activities have been both exhilarating and frustrating, at most times a demanding, and at all times an informative and rewarding experience.

Unfortunately, negotiations have been necessarily curtailed to devote time to reviewing the needs of other town employees. A quick return to negotiations is anticipated as soon as our other personnel commitments are met.

Wage deliberations for the coming year have to consider the following in addition to the normal merits and requests of the employees:

- a. The last wage offer package was a very conservative package which covered 18 months as opposed to the normal 12 months.
- b. The rejection by the voters of the Personnel Board's recommendation that the Town contribute 75% of Blue Cross - Blue Shield payments. Passage would have removed a heavy burden from the employees shoulders.

What we feel to be a most suitable composite resulting from these factors and others will be forthcoming.

We would like to thank all of those who met with us or otherwise assisted during the past year.

Alexander Popielski, Chairman
Richard Wadsworth, Clerk
Harold Armitstead
Edward Coffin
Ernest Daniels

Community Services

CAMPS FOR KIDS

COUNCIL ON AGING

HOUSING AUTHORITY

RECREATION COMMISSION

VETERANS' AGENT

CAMPS FOR KIDS

Although not a town committee, the activities of the 'Camp For Kids' are reported on here since their work was of great importance to the town.

Last summer was a very different summer for seventy-seven (77) disadvantaged children in the towns of Middleton, Topsfield, Boxford and Danvers. Kids, ranging from four to sixteen, who had been neglected and ignored by both good fortune and society were given the chance to bring a dream to life. 77 kids went to camp who might not otherwise have been able to have gone, because of their economic, social and physical conditions.

For the program, the goals were as numerous and as diversified as the problems and needs of all the children we eventually served. Each child was given the chance to enjoy a rare and memorable and rewarding opportunity at their specially selected day and residence camps, but more importantly, the staff of the program which included Marie Deschamps (community nurse), Patricia Spear and Keith Halloran with cooperation from referring agencies and individuals, social workers, schools and camps strove together in a united effort to support and assist each child through the period of his life when these children grow the most, develop the most, adjust the most, learn the most, and are affected most by the environment, experiences and opportunities which surround these children.

'Camps For Kids' provided an outlet and an opportunity for these youngsters to experience a totally new and exciting camping opportunity which served to encourage and assist children to discover and develop their own personal personalities, potentials and abilities through time well spent at the summer program tailored best for the child's individual appetites and needs.

The experiences of each child, however seemingly meaningless, and the triumphs of each youngster, no matter how small served to recognize and encourage these children who have remained unseen and discouraged for the better part of their early lives in one way or another. Self-imposed limits were shattered as a mentally retarded child learned how to swim for the first time in her life. Hopes were filled to overflowing as a young girl found the friends she had found so difficult to make before. A pre-school boy broke free from a robbing dependence of an older brother as he learned new things about his talent and creativity. And a child was made a little happier and for the first time in his life "he learned how to smile — I have never seen him so happy before."

The smiles of happy children — the tears of sorrow turned to joy by caring mothers — the cries of frustration turned to shouts of accomplishment, cheers of victory indicate to us that the entire program was far more meaningful and successful than we had originally anticipated. Scores of children — three dozen from Middleton alone — embarked on a new adventure last summer and joined with us in fulfilling a dream of giving kids a chance that circumstances had denied them. The momentum of success and support from last summer has spilled over into 1974, and plans are being made to continue and expand the program for the summer of 1974.

From the dozen and a half boys and 18 girls of Middleton, we extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the cooperation of the Town of Middleton, Community Services, Masconomet Regional School District and the Middleton School system for their limitless assistance to the pro-

gram and these children. We would like to especially thank the Arlington Trust Company for their generous loan of \$8902.08 until the federal reimbursements arrived from the State government. All of these special and concerned members of the community deserve recognition and appreciation for their contributions to the Success of Project: 'Camps For Kids 1973.'

This summer we hope to continue to work started last year. We are planning to increase the number of available slots to 135 for June, July, and August. Your support has been much appreciated. We look forward to working with Middleton children once again.

Keith D. Halloran
Patricia Spear

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Middleton Council on Aging authorized by Town meeting action under provisions of Chapter 495, Acts of 1956 & Chapter 406, Acts of 1957 M.G.L. was formed for the purpose for carrying out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in co-ordination with the State Council. Funds appropriated by the Town are to be used for co-ordinating or conducting programs dealing with problems of the aging and to promote facilities for health, education, welfare, and recreation of the aging.

At the Annual Town Meeting held on March 5, 1973, the sum of \$2,000.00 was appropriated by unanimous vote for the use of the Middleton Council on Aging. Prior to the meeting a detailed list of proposed activities was submitted to the Finance Committee and endorsed by them.

After many attempts to get greater participation in these programs, the Council is glad to report progress in this direction. We would like to emphasize that the Council on Aging operates with money furnished by the Town, and each citizen 60 years of age and over is welcome to join any or all of the programs free. Events are always advertised in the local newspapers well in advance.

Events which took place in 1973 include:

Knitting School - 2nd semester - advanced classes -
10 weeks

Valentine's Day Party

Candle Making classes - 6 weeks

Apple Blossom Bus Trip

Annual Picnic - Paradise Park

Bus Trip - Casco Bay, Maine

Bus Trip - Newport, Rhode Island

Bus Trip - Foliage - Mohawk Trail

Crochet School Starter Course - 20 weeks - Orchard

Circle Recreational Hall - 25 participants

Arts & Crafts School - Orchard Circle Recreation
Hall

Annual Christmas Party - American Legion Hall -
A chicken dinner was served, and each guest received a box of chocolates. 75 persons attended.

The Council wishes to thank the following for their generosity:

Middleton Selectmen, Middleton Lions Club, Middleton Community Services, and business establishments, for chocolates for the Christmas Party.

The American Legion - for use of their hall.

The Middleton Housing Authority - for use of the Recreational Hall for classes and other activities.

Essex Agricultural & Technical Institute - for supplying an instructor for the Crochet school - and

for free shampoos and hair sets on Tuesday mornings.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maher - for the use of Paradise Park free to Senior Citizens.
Mr. Dale Thomas - North Shore Chrysler-Plymouth for free year-round transportation to the North Shore Shopping Center every Thursday.

Chester V. Morelli, Chairman

Mrs. Alice Milbery, Corr. Secretary
Mrs. Shirley Raynard, Rec. Secretary
Mr. Francis Jones, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Pearl Charron
Mrs. Corinne Roy
Mrs. Joan DeBoer
Mrs. Mary Hocter
Mr. Richard Ajoonian

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Middleton Housing Authority was authorized under Chapter 1213 of the Mass. General Law and activated by favorable vote of the Town at Town Meeting. The purpose of the Housing Authority is to provide a quantity of low cost housing to the elderly within low income parameters.

The Orchard Circle Elderly Housing completed sixty-three months of occupancy on this date.

Nine apartments were vacated and released during the year. We have twenty-eight applications on file that we review and bring up to date for processing as soon as we have a vacancy.

At the annual election Mr. George Miller was re-elected as a member of the Authority.

The Authority wishes to thank the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Highway Department for their kind and efficient services as well as the Town Officials, Community Services, Golden Age and Senior Citizens Associations and the Department of Community Affairs of the Commonwealth for their assistance and cooperation.

Richard G. Goodale, Chairman
Carl A. Peterson, Vice Chairman
Louis A. Barrett, Treasurer
George A. Miller, Ass't. Treasurer
Dominic Pellicelli

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission was originally created by action of the Board of Selectmen and the membership is appointed by the Board. The Commission was formed to serve the citizens of the Town by bringing them recreation services and programs.

The Commission started the year with a full program of activities and a well filled staff of volunteers. The Town Hall was renovated and a Teen Center activated there.

As time went along it became more and more difficult to find volunteers to provide the supervision necessary at the Teen Center. Attempts to keep the Center open with minimal supervision resulted in damage to the building and we reluctantly closed the Center.

The Commission thanks those who gave of their time and it is our hope that in the future it will not be necessary to ask so much of so few.

Mr. John Deasy, who had so ably served as Chairman of the Commission since November, 1972, tendered his resignation to the Board of Selectmen on October 15, 1973, having accepted a position with the Central Maine Power Company as a Staff Engineer, for which purpose he planned to move to Maine. The resignation took effect on October 31, 1973, and was accepted by the Selectmen with sincere regret, and thanks in behalf of the entire Town for the fine job done.

Another blow was struck at the Commission when the resignation of Mr. Earl F. Jones, Jr. was received on October 30, 1973, to become effective as of November 13, 1973, because he is also a Scout leader, and felt he could not do justice to both activities without neglecting his family. Earl was instigator of the project to renovate the Old Town Hall so that it could be used as a Teen Center and one only has to remember how the building looked before, and go through it now, to know that a lot of thought and good hard work was involved. He and his crews put in many long hours during the spring, summer, and fall. In spite of urging by the Board of Selectmen that he reconsider, Earl stood firm, and on November 12, his resignation was accepted, with regret, expression of appreciation for all that he had accomplished.

With these two leaders gone, volunteers dwindled quickly, interest waned, and the Center was closed.

The Commission is eager to keep as many programs going as possible and we plan new ones. Without the volunteer workers the Commission cannot succeed.

We need you!

Please give a helping hand.

John Barrett, Chairman
Geraldine Shipley
Virginia Wentworth
Fred Brown

VETERANS' AGENT

The Department of Veterans' Services in the Town of Middleton is required by Chapter 115 of the Mass. General Law. The Veterans' Agent is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and he supplies services to Veterans of all wars.

Many changes have taken place in the last year. Due to the increase of overall costs in living and the inability of recipients to meet these costs, it has been necessary for the Dept. of Veterans' Services to increase its assistance by raising the amount normally granted under its budget guidelines.

As the number of referrals increase, more and more time is necessary to investigate and validate all claims in order to insure fair and equitable treatment to all applicants. In many cases claimants do not qualify for benefits under this program but nevertheless have to be interviewed and then referred to the proper federal or state agency.

In addition to serving as your Director and Agent, I also function as the Service Officer of the Augustus P. Gardner Post No. 227 of the American Legion here in Middleton.

I am the Selective Service Registrar for the Town and in conjunction with that position the following guide lines must be adhered to by young men of draft age:

1. Every male citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 18, but has not attained the age of 26.

2. Every alien who is admitted to the United States for permanent residency, who has attained the age of 18, but has not attained the age of 26; except those in a medical, dental, or allied specialist category.

3. Every male alien who is in a medical, dental, or allied specialist category, who is admitted to the United States for permanent residency, and who has attained the age of 18 and has not attained the age of 35.

4. If there is doubt as to whether a particular alien is required to register, the nearest local board should be consulted.

WHEN TO REGISTER

EVERY PERSON REQUIRED TO REGISTER AT AGE 18 SHALL DO SO WITHIN THE 60-DAY PERIOD BEGINNING 30 DAYS BEFORE HIS EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY.

For any and all information concerning the above categories please call me at my home — 774-1815 or at Memorial Hall — 774-3344.

George M. Farley,
Director - Agent



Education

LIBRARY

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The early months of 1973 saw the continuation of the Adult Lecture Series which had been set up in conjunction with the Pre-School Story Hour held in the library at the Fuller Meadow School. Lecturers were brought in from the Essex Institute in Salem and informative programs on Eskimos and Whalers out of New Bedford were presented. George Roaf of Hyland Gardens in Danvers gave a bottle garden demonstration that was most popular. Many other interesting programs including one on juvenile delinquency conducted by one of Middleton's "finest."

Mrs. Ruth Martin joined the roster of Trustees at the March election, and Mr. James Coffin was unanimously elected Chairman at our April meeting.

We were approached this spring by the Historical Society who asked if they could use space under the Reading Room and build a proper room with lock for storage of their artifacts. We replied that this was not possible as we were in the process of contacting the state engineers to determine feasibility of using existing structure for expansion. By the end of the year, however, we were again approached; it seems that the valuable artifacts and great variety of materials that have been collected should be housed securely and yet be available by units as needed by the Society. Mr. Richard Floyd, President of the Society, toured the basement and agreed that, with the members consent, it would be practical to store their artifacts in the basement until their proposed building is ready. The Historical Society proposed to pay any expense incurred for security and for insurance of the artifacts.

Due to economic pressures and the inability to secure federal funds for expansion, our previous plans for an addition to the library have had to be scrapped. However, Mr. Powers, a State Inspector, toured our facilities and expressed confidence that the basement could be developed. It would not be necessary to take out the columns and install steel girders. However, extensive changes would be necessary, such as installing electric heat, additional plumbing, digging basement floor deeper, etc. Money would not be available from the federal government but would have to be raised from local taxes and contributions.

The Children's Story Hour continued to be one of the main attractions at the Flint Public Library, although we had several changes during the year. Our Storylady in January was Mrs. Jacqueline Comer, followed by Mrs. Iris McCarthy. By May, Mrs. Patricia Kelley, already on the staff, had been taking courses in Children's Literature and Early Childhood and found herself heading up the children's activities at the library.

During the summer two separate series of storyhours were held. Craft activities were offered including shellcraft, which attracted children from toddlers to junior high age.

Due to overcrowded conditions, e.g. twenty-nine preschoolers at one session, it was decided for 1974 to schedule two morning sessions each week for storyhour with the children to be registered ahead. Both storyhours will be held at the Flint Public Library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Each storyhour will continue to include stories, songs, filmstrips and handcrafts.

During the summer for six consecutive weeks, Mrs. Page Campbell conducted a summer program entitled "As You Like It." These programs, covered antiques, Yankee paints, pottery, baskets, creative arts, and Middleton in the 1920's. Word soon spread that these sessions were low-keyed, relaxed and a share-the-knowledge format. Attendance varied from nine to twenty, even on hot summer nights, but many patrons shared their precious old pieces of pottery or basketry with each other and explored a common interest.

Before Bill Keating moved to Washington, he oversaw some local youngsters learn to maneuver their way around a chess board.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Wentworth made and donated a display case, the contents of which are of continuing interest in the main entranceway.

We now offer the use of a pair of memberships to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, so that our patrons might enjoy the exhibits for a day at no charge.

A bulletin board was installed in a prominent place and news items and announcements of local interest are posted.

College catalogs are available as well as a Comparative Guide to Colleges.

The Framed Art Reproductions are popular among our patrons and several are now being used at the newly-decorated Town Hall.

Mrs. Joan DeBoer continues to be the "volunteer extraordinaire." Every Tuesday she brings a new selection of books and films for the Council on Aging at Orchard Circle. Anyone else like to help? Incidentally, groups borrowing films from us also include the Fire Department, Legion Auxiliary, Golden Age Club, St. Agnes Sunday School, Nursing homes, Danvers State Hospital, Masonic Lodge, Howe-Manning and Fuller Meadow Schools.

The Eastern Regional Bookmobile comes every five weeks from North Reading and about one hundred books are hand-picked for use by our patrons. Special requests can be telephoned in as well to Inter Library Loan at Andover and requests delivered in twenty-four hours. The girls call this "really great service."

Local schoolteachers report cooperation and rapport between school and library is "perfect."

Mrs. Dorothy English's resignation was received in November but has been held in abeyance with the hope that she will feel she can soon rejoin our staff. We and so many patrons treasure her long association and the atmosphere she created at the Library.

As for maintenance, drop shelves for holding heavy books were installed as well as bracers for overloaded shelves. Long shelves for storing paper bookcovers were welcome additions for the staff. A new sink was installed and though, due to space restrictions, it is too tiny to be practical, still it's a sink where you can get water. Hot top was installed from drains over to the back due to continuous filling of dry wells. Also the steps to the parking lot were repaired, and weather stripping was put around office windows.

Two new sets of adult encyclopedias are available, the Americana and Britannica, as well as an encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics. For Juniors, new sets include the 20-volume Merit Students Encyclopedia and the seven volume Science Library. A Messenger VII Rear Screen Filmstrip Projector was purchased and has been used with the story-hour. It utilizes a cassette for sound, while a filmstrip is being shown on the screen.

Along with several neighboring towns we have completed purchase of materials to implement a Federally-funded Oral History Program. We now have the hardware and, hopefully, will get this project into operation this next year by getting "on the record" memoirs of our oldest residents as they tell us in their own words "how it was."

Mrs. Virginia Wentworth tendered her resignation as Head Librarian effective November 30, 1973. She had held this position for fourteen months.

James H. Coffin, Chairman, Trustees
Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.
Carl C. Jones
Rita M. Kelley
Ruth Martin
Paul B. Wake

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman	Term Expires 1976
Henry F. Mooney, Secretary	Term Expires 1976
W. Pike Messenger	Term Expires 1974
Norman Nathan	Term Expires 1975
Bruce Russell	Term Expires 1975

SUPERINTENDENT
Francis N. Fitzgerald
Office: Howe-Manning School Telephone 774-3517

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1974

Open January 2, 1974	Close February 15, 1974
VACATION — ONE WEEK	
Open February 25, 1974	Close April 11, 1974
VACATION — ONE WEEK	
Open April 22, 1974	Close June 21, 1974
SUMMER VACATION	
Open September 4, 1974	Close December 20, 1974
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
May 27	October 14 and 28
(and such other days as the School Committee may designate)	November 27

— The School Calendar is subject to change —

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

The following no school signals have been adopted:

- a. 2-2-2 blast on the fire alarm
- b. 2 blasts at the U. S. Machinery Corp.
- c. Radio Stations WHDH, WRKO, WMEX, WEEI, Boston; WESX, Salem; and WMLO, Danvers, will carry an announcement on their regular no-school broadcasts.

The signal for the Elementary Schools will be at 7:15 a.m.

SCHOOL CENSUS October 1, 1973

Age Group	Total
7 yrs. to 15 yrs., 11 mos.	809
6 yrs. to 6 yrs., 11 mos.	72
5 yrs. to 5 yrs., 11 mos.	79
4 yrs. to 4 yrs., 11 mos.	71
3 yrs. to 3 yrs., 11 mos.	64
2 yrs. to 2 yrs. 11 mos.	59
1 yr. to 1 yr., 11 mos.	50
0 yr. to 0 yr., 11 mos.	41
Private School Pupils	12

AGE OF SCHOOL ADMISSION

All children born on or before December 31, 1968 are eligible to attend Grade One in September, 1974. No entrance tests for exceptions to this age requirement are given.

All children born on or before December 31, 1969 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September, 1974. No entrance tests for exceptions to this age requirement are given.

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

Certificates for the employment of minors between the ages of 14-18 may be obtained from Mrs. Lynch at the Superintendent's Office of the Masconomet Regional High School during regular office hours.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Middleton School Committee submits its annual report to the Citizens and taxpayers of Middleton.

In March, the Committee was saddened to learn that Mr. Francis X. Masse did not plan to run for re-election. Mr. Masse had been a member of the Committee for ten years. Perhaps Mr. Masse's decision to leave the Committee was put in perspective by the minutes of March 8, 1973. These read, in part, "We wish to thank Mr. Francis X. Masse for his completely unselfish and devoted efforts on behalf of the Middleton School Committee and the children of the Town. His absence will leave a great void. We will miss him very much."

At the March, 1973 election, Mr. Mullen was re-elected to the Committee; Mr. Henry F. Mooney was elected to replace Mr. Masse.

The annual organization of the 1973-4 term was held at the March 22nd meeting. Mr. Thomas Mullen was re-elected Chairman and Mr. Henry Mooney was elected Secretary. The Chairman appointed himself Press Liaison; and appointed Mr. Bruce Russell Legislative Representative.

This has been a busy year for the Committee. 31 meetings were held, 7 in January alone. In addition to the regular meetings, monthly meetings on regionalization were held at Masconomet. Mr. Mullen spent an inordinate amount of time attending meetings of the Regional Vocational-Technical School Committee.

This year, for the first time, we have hired a professional negotiator to represent the School Committee in its bargaining with the Middleton Educational Association. Mr. Neil Cooper, a Malden attorney, represents the Committee. Since the Teachers' Association has been represented by a professional negotiator since the onset of collective bargaining, the hiring of Mr. Cooper puts the Committee, all laymen, in a better position to bargain.

During the year the Committee accepted with regret the resignations of: Mr. Harry Mavragis, Miss Cornelia deSchepper, Mrs. Janet Riley, Mrs. Rosemary Janco, and Mrs. Christine Deasy, all teachers; Mr. T. Myron Reynolds, Custodian of Fuller Meadow School, also resigned.

Teachers elected during the year were: Mr. John Hart, Mrs. Linda Jenkins, and Miss Susan Krefetz, an Itinerant Teacher under Title VI-B. Mr. John Barrett was elected day custodian at the Howe-Manning School and Mr. William Boardman was elected custodian at the Fuller Meadow School.

Under the excellent guidance of Superintendent Fitzgerald, the educational program appears to be progressing well. Working with Boxford-Topsfield and Masconomet, local teachers have revised the Math Curriculum; an Art Curriculum Guide has been developed by a tri-town committee, Mrs. Barbara Jackman adding the local art programs, and sequence charts. Video taping and playback equipment has been purchased, as all who attended the Open House at Fuller Meadow know. Audio-Visual materials, made by both teachers and students, have been used more frequently in the schools; some students are even making 8mm films. Our Kindergarten Program, under Mrs. Cath-

erine Driscoll, Director, and Mrs. Rose Marie Dorman, has been cited as a model program. Our Mobilab was a highlight of an educational conference held at the Sheraton-Boston in April and the School Committee itself was commended by the Massachusetts Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development "for its foresight, determination and persistence for doing the best possible for the young in Middleton."

The Title I Summer Program was again a great success; Mr. Phillip Flowers, the able Director of this program, procured \$11,820 in federal funds for the program. The Summer Performing Arts Program was again a successful repeat of the previous summer; headed by Mr. Stephen Denison, this program is unique in the tri-town area. Thus, our schools are truly 12-month buildings. Schools were also used by St. Agnes' religious classes, men's basketball, Scouts, Brownies, and Girl Scouts, as well as other groups on a one-time basis. These programs operate on a no-cost-to-the-school system basis. Clearly, our schools are community centers, in the best sense of the word.

In spite of the great strides made in our educational program, the year has not been without problems — most of them financial. 1973 has witnessed an increase in the cost of hot lunches, milk and most dramatically, oil. From an initial bid price of approximately \$6.00/barrel, oil skyrocketed to a price of about \$12.50/barrel. Yet, even this bleak situation had its brighter side. Mr. Dennis Kelley, a young citizen of our Town, attended a Committee meeting and offered us many suggestions on conserving energy. Sup't. Fitzgerald added Mr. Kelley's suggestions to his own conservation program and prepared not only energy-saving procedures for the schools but also a program of instruction on energy conservation for the students.

Additional citizen participation in Committee matters, chiefly by the good people of the Haswell Park/Park Ave. area, resulted in the pending erection of a safety barrier at the corner of Rte. 114 and Haswell Park/Park Ave. Also pending is a Committee agreement with the Selectman that a pedestrian controlled light and magnetic trip bar be installed at the entrance to the Fuller Meadow School. When this recommendation becomes a reality, pedestrians will be able to safely cross Rte. 114 in the vicinity of the 114 Supermarket; buses will also be able to enter Rte. 114 safely.

The episodes cited above are but two examples of the cooperation the Committee has received from Town Bodies. Our biggest problem is citizen apathy; too often major decisions are made by the Committee in isolation. We loudly exhort all citizens of the Town to attend our meetings. We represent you; give us direction by attending our meetings and espousing your views.

In retrospect, the two major decisions of 1973 are still pending; they are regionalization and the impact of Chapter 766. The former is well known to all citizens; we request your comments on the matter of regionalization. The latter is less well known. One thing seems clear, however; Chapter 766, mandated by the State, will be expensive. The Committee has requested the Selectmen and the Finance Committee to attend a meeting on this Chapter so they will recognize the impact on the Town and give the Committee the advantage of their sage counsel.

This report would not be complete if the Committee did not recognize the contributions made to the School Department by Mr. Raymond Gould. Mr. Gould has gone out of his way to accommodate us; he has been especially helpful in implementing and preparing physical areas for our Kindergarten Program. The Committee is in the debt of Mr. Gould.

Although the annual report of the School Committee is usually focused on Committee accomplishments during the prior year, events this year dictate that we deviate from that procedure. As you all know, the "San" is being razed; rumors suggest a county jail will be built on the property. Recognizing that we may be overstepping our bounds, the Committee strongly urges all citizens and Town Bodies to support the construction of the educational facility on this site. We believe the construction of an educational facility on the San property will benefit Middleton more than a county jail will.

Further, the Committee hopes that all citizens and taxpayers fully recognize the impact Chapter 766 will have on the finances of the Town. 766 is a fine law; it is well-intentioned and well motivated. The nature of its funding directly benefits the School Committee budget. In short, monies for 766 come directly off the top of Chapter 70 monies — commonly called the "cherry sheet." Thus, the total monies received by the Town on the "cherry sheet" will be smaller. Once again, the Commonwealth in its wisdom has mandated a good law; as has happened too frequently in the recent past, the Great and General Court has made no provision for funding this Chapter. Thus, while the Committee is faced with a law it MUST follow, no additional funds have been provided by the State to moderate its impact on the local tax rate.

In closing, the Committee must make mention of two events — one joyous and one sad. The Committee had the pleasure of electing Superintendent Francis N. FitzGerald to tenure. This unanimous vote insured that our schools would be under the direction of a dedicated and able educator. With extreme regret, the Committee accepted the resignation of Mrs. Mary Hamilton as School Committee Secretary. Mary was a totally dedicated, extremely efficient, and completely competent Secretary; we on the Committee miss her sorely. Publicly, we wish to commend Mary Hamilton on her dedication and her competence. Thank you, Mary.

As in the past, the School Committee has made every effort to insure the taxpayers that the Middleton School System will have the best possible education that the Town has the ability to provide. The regular meetings of the Committee are held at the Howe-Manning School on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The Committee is anxious to meet with as many citizens as possible and extends a cordial invitation to all townspeople to attend our meetings.

The Committee extends its sincere gratitude to Superintendent Francis FitzGerald and his competent staff for their hard work and loyal support during the past year.

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman
Henry F. Mooney, Secretary
W. Pike Messenger
Norman Nathan
Bruce Russell

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

As the year 1973 closed, the observer would see many reasons in our day-to-day living about which he might be pessimistic. The costs of energy have skyrocketed; oil which a year ago was \$4.50/barrel had climbed to nearly \$13.00/barrel; electric rates and gas rates were up considerably more than a year ago; rising food costs and declining Federal subsidies required that we recommend an increase in the price of lunches to children, and that the School Committee include in its budget for the first time additional funds to finance cafeteria employees' salaries. While these are facts of life, the optimist would look to the new awareness each of us now has in the matter of conserving our natural energy resources and of our natural tendencies towards waste of materials which we have grown used to in abundance.

In addition to this outlook which must be viewed as a positive one, when we review the entire year there is overall evidence of accomplished satisfaction and success. It becomes difficult to describe in detail many of the innovative or active roles taken by so many members of our staff. Perhaps reviewing the year in a somewhat chronological sense would be a sensible approach.

The year 1973 began with all departments of the town having developed an eighteen-month budget. The School Department, in compliance with the new law, will hold a yearly meeting separate from Finance Committee presentations at which time the townspeople are requested to come and participate in the budget development process with the School Committee. In the budget considerations for 1973 the entire town's departments cooperated in a unified insurance program which not only provided a better level of coverage but more accurate and detailed financial accountability.

As we moved into the Spring one of the highlights worth noting was the extremely successful fashion show produced by the Parent Teachers Association to subsidize the end-of-the-year dinner for the sixth graders. The dinner which has been a highly successful end-of-the-year event does require massive support by parents and to this end we urge parents of sixth-grade children to become actively involved if this fine tradition is to continue. The Kindergarten program was strengthened by the appointment of Mrs. Catherine Driscoll as Kindergarten Director. From her years of Kindergarten experience and training not only was the design of our program improved but her expertise was made available to several communities in the North Shore area who by law were developing Kindergarten programs. Middleton's Kindergarten program was pointed out as an outstanding example of Early Childhood Education at a North Shore Symposium in the Fall. In the Spring we were also represented at the New England meeting for children with learning disabilities at the Prudential Center. On this occasion, Mrs. Lewis, Teacher of Perceptual Handicapped children, demonstrated the equipment and techniques which we use in the Mobilab and the Superintendent was a featured speaker on one of the panel discussion groups.

Through the efforts of Mr. Philip A. Flowers, Elementary Guidance Counselor, a Federally funded project, Title

VI-B, was approved for children with visual handicaps in Middleton and the surrounding towns. Equipment and salary funding was obtained for the school year, 1973-1974.

The Association for School and Curriculum Development notified the School Committee of a commendation for its interest and performance in the improvement of curriculum and pupil services at its annual national meeting in Minneapolis. Also in the Spring, we should mention the town-wide clean-up day, April 28th, in which the school children played a large role. In this connection we are appreciative of any of our staff members who took active roles, and also suggest that this kind of activity be an annual Spring and Fall event. Certainly the town in general took on a better appearance with so many tons of rubbish and debris being removed from our roadways. Our report would surely be incomplete if we did not thank Mr. Ernest Gould for his tremendous efforts in establishing a playground at the Fuller Meadow School. In using Park Department and School funds, several pieces of playground equipment have been installed and serviced through his efforts. Mr. Gould has always shown himself to be most cooperative to any requests ever made by the School Department and for these efforts we must take particular note and personal thanks in this report.

Several examples of efforts to regionally cooperate developed in late Spring and continued through the end of the calendar year. Most noticeable and most striking among these are the monthly meetings held by the Masconomet Regional School Committee as they analyze the implications of K-12 regionalization. It is impossible in a report such as this to even touch upon the tremendous number of implications; however, one misconception might be mentioned. Regionalization is NOT a consolidation of all children in one school or in a new school. In any regionalization plan, the existing schools would continue to operate as they presently do, serving the same children and administered by the same personnel. Regionalization then, refers to the overall direction provided by one Superintendent instead of three, and one School Committee instead of four. We would urge your attendance at these meetings which take place in the Senior High Library at Masconomet on the last Wednesday of each month.

With the passage of the now famous Chapter 766, it has become necessary that we cooperate with our neighboring towns to develop a regional approach to providing service for children with special needs. It is impossible in the limited framework of the Middleton Public Schools to provide the wide range of services required by this new piece of legislation. To this end, we have entered into a Consortium with several towns so that, linked to this, we may collectively be able to develop programs, space, and collect the necessary supplies and personnel which we know we will need to serve our children. Another effort to unify the goals of our total K-12 Math curriculum was undertaken in late Spring. At the direction of the tri-town Superintendents, a math curriculum development group was formed with representatives from each of the elementary school systems and the Junior and Senior High Schools. For a one-month period during the summer these teachers met at the Howe-Manning School in Middleton to analyze the present curriculum structure and develop common goals and suggested avenues for obtaining

these ends. One highlight of the mathematics study to date has been the introduction of the teaching of the metric system which will become familiar to all of us in the next few years as our standard system of measurement. During the current school year the representatives from each town continue to meet monthly and will complete their program at the end of next summer with appropriate recommendations for continued updating of our mathematics curriculum.

In addition to the math group meeting in the Howe-Manning School Library, the building was also occupied by the Title I Summer Program, directed by Mr. Philip Flowers, and by the Performing Arts Program, directed by Mr. Stephen Denson. For about six weeks during the summer the building was occupied by approximately 150 children and 20 teachers and aides. Interlaced among the almost 200 people in the building every day were the efforts of our custodial and maintenance staff to build an office for the Principal of the Howe-Manning School and to do extensive painting and panelling of the Superintendent's office, teacher's room, nurse's office and clinic.

Some of the other bright spots in conclusion here are renewal of participation in the funds provided by Public Law 874, a decrease in actual glass breakage because of vandalism during the summer, the presentations by many of our staff members who had completed Audio-Visual courses sponsored by Fitchburg State College, the acquisition and use of video tape equipment, the completion of an Art Curriculum Guide as developed by the art specialists of the three elementary districts, the acquisition of several valuable pieces of music equipment at a going-out-of-business auction, the monthly assembly programs began by classroom teachers at both Fuller Meadow and Howe-Manning Schools, the beginning of a year-long process of evaluation of our elementary school program by our own staff, the improvement in our reading program utilizing the expertise of Mrs. Rose King to actively assist classroom teachers in the improvement of reading, the increase in specialists' time with children provided by new scheduling formats, the tremendous participation by children and the cooperation of our staff in after-school programs, and the untiring efforts of our teaching staff who have participated in individual innovative projects or who have expended their energies in programs or classes to improve the level of instruction to children. It would be impossible to single out each of the individual teachers who have made significant attempts to improve their program for boys and girls; suffice to say their efforts do not go unnoticed by either parents, students or their fellow teachers.

Mr. T. Myron Reynolds, Custodian at the Fuller Meadow School, retired in the Fall. Those of us familiar with his work know of his dedication, and the condition of the Fuller Meadow School stands as evidence of his concern. We all wish Myron many years of well-deserved retirement.

With sorrow we remember the passing this year of Perley Lovelace who had been our Head Custodian at the Howe-Manning School, and who had retired last year.

In the Spring of the year Mr. Francis X. Masse chose not to run for re-election, having served ten years on the School

Committee. Mr. Massé was a most extremely respected and capable member of the Middleton School Committee. It is appropriate that mention in my report be made of his many years of service and friendship which always carried a concern for both the citizens of the community and the children of the schools.

On behalf of the staff I wish to extend my personal gratitude to those elected and appointed members of town boards and committees for their willing assistance whenever called upon. From the same perspective, the members of the Middleton School Committee must be thanked for their co-operation with the administration of the Middleton schools and for their willingness to expend time and energy so that the children of Middleton might receive the best possible education.

Francis N. FitzGerald
Superintendent of Schools

NORTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The North Shore Regional Vocational School Committee has completed its first year of operation. It has been an extremely productive one. A firm administrative foundation has been constructed upon which the Committee can now proceed to develop the facilities and curricula to meet the particular needs of the young people of the district's 16 member cities and towns. Since its creation, the district has accomplished the following tasks:

1. opened Committee offices in Beverly and retained permanent full-time personnel to carry out initial administrative requirements;

2. established financial procedures with member cities and towns to provide for the operation of the Committee through June 1974 and beyond;

3. conducted seminars with school administrators, school counselors, local labor union representatives, business leaders and town and city officials. The purpose of these meetings, conducted over a period of several months, was to gain input from as many different and knowledgeable sources about the current and future vocational needs of the region in order to determine how future programs might meet the needs of industry and our young people.

4. Committee members have visited other regional school districts and personnel to view first-hand the actual operation of vocational schools to better understand the problems they have encountered in the setup and operation of their programs so that we may avoid them here;

5. after a country-wide search, the Committee hired a Superintendent-Director who assumed his duties in September 1973. He is Michael J. Anthony, formerly Superintendent of a regional vocational school in Watertown, New York. In addition to extensive vocational educational administrative and teaching experience, he has been directly responsible for establishing several vocational school districts. This involved construction of the appropriate plant, preparation of the educational profile for the district, site

selection, design of the educational plant in detail, hiring staff and curricula development — all prime requirements necessary for the director of the North Shore program;

6. concurrently, with the aforementioned activities, work has been conducted in three other major areas:

A. The Architect Selection Committee has reviewed countless architectural proposals and listened to 13 formal proposals by architectural firms. On Dec. 20, 1973 the full Committee gave tentative approval to the recommendation that the firm of Alderman and MacNeish, architects and engineers, of Springfield, be retained to assist in the site selection and to design the new school.

B. The Site Selection Committee has viewed a number of locations for the new school. The ultimate choice will most likely be submitted to the full 16-member School Committee for possible acceptance in February 1974.

C. The School Committee has set as its target date for the opening of the school September 1976. Between now and then the Committee will attempt to establish and maintain interest in the type of student training which will be available to the member cities and towns. One of the major efforts in this determination is the establishment, by the North Shore Regional Vocational School Committee, of vocational programs to begin in September of 1974 (or possibly before) under the administration of the Committee. These courses will be conducted in the morning and afternoon. They will allow the student to receive academic and other training in their home schools and vocational training in temporary facilities.

Following surveys of the region's school departments, students, discussions with State educational department representatives, other vocational school administrators, teachers, guidance counselors and local and national labor representatives, the Curriculum Subcommittee presented its interim vocational programs to the full 16-member committee in December 1973. They include:

Machine Accounting	Textile Design and
Welding/Metal Fabrication	Fabrication
Diesel Engine Mechanics	Building Construction
Auto Mechanics	Technology
Cosmetology	(Student may major in
Building Maintenance	Carpentry or Masonry)
Occupations	Plumbing, Heating and
Industrial Electricity	Air-Conditioning
Resort Service Occupations	Hospital Aides of Health
Machine Technology	Services
Auto Body Repair	Child Care Services
Commercial Foods	

The information and experience derived from these initial programs will be invaluable in the determination of a school building design, interior layout and eventual production of education specifications.

Thomas M. Mullen

MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CORPS OF TEACHERS 1973

NAME	MOST RECENT DEGREE & DATE	SCHOLASTIC PREPARATION	POSITION	DATE APPOINTMENT
Francis N. FitzGerald	C.A.G.S. - 1963	Boston University	Superintendent	Aug. 1971
Eugene C. Winter, Jr.	Med - 1966	Boston University	Superv'g. Principal	Aug. 1967
Philip A. Flowers	Med - 1962	Salem State College	Elem. Guid. Counselor	Sept. 1966
Sandra Budzinski	Med - 1971	Northeastern University	Kindergarten	Sept. 1966
Rose Marie Dorman	BSED - 1970	Salem State College	Kindergarten	Sept. 1970
Catherine Driscoll	BS - 1955	Fordham University	Kindergarten	Sept. 1971
Martha Soule	BS - 1972	Tufts University	Kindergarten	Sept. 1972
Wilhemine Hall	BS - 1972	Salem State College	Grade 1	Sept. 1972
Eileen Hammond	BSED - 1939	Boston College	Grade 1	Sept. 1962
Rosemary Janco	BSED - 1969	Salem State College	Grade 1	Sept. 1969
Beverly Napieracz	Med - 1970	University of Hartford	Grade 1	Sept. 1970
Linda Jenkins	BA - 1972	University of Mass.	Grade 2	Sept. 1973
Villa Lavorgna	Diploma - 1934	Farmington State Teacher's Col.	Grade 2	Sept. 1960
Veronica McIntosh	AB - 1938	Mt. St. Mary's College	Grade 2	Sept. 1964
Faylene Webber	Diploma - 1932	Farmington Normal	Grade 2	Sept. 1964
Vera Carlson	AB - 1949	Boston University	Grade 3	Sept. 1969
Eleanor Cassidy	BSED - 1941	Salem State College	Grade 3	Sept. 1955
Paul Kellogg	BA - 1972	University of Mass.	Grade 3	Sept. 1972
Janet Riley	BS - 1971	Salve Regina College	Grade 3	Sept. 1971
Mary Anne Amero	BA - 1965	Riviera College	Grade 4	Sept. 1966
Susan Cohen	Med - 1972	Boston University	Grade 4	Sept. 1966
Roslyn Goldman	BS - 1971	Salem State College	Grade 4	Sept. 1971
Sandra Meier	MA - 1969	Shippensburg State College	Grade 4	Sept. 1970
Christine Deasy	Med - 1970	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1969
Richard Gannon	BS - 1972	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1972
J. Nellie Johnston	Med - 1963	Salem State College	Grade 5	Sept. 1949
Joyce Williamson	BS - 1963	Salem State College	Grade 5	Feb. 1968
Carol Doherty	BS - 1967	Boston State College	Grade 6	Sept. 1967
John Goldsmith	BS - 1971	University of Mass.	Grade 6	Sept. 1972
John Hart	Med - 1972	Eastern Michigan University	Grade 6	Sept. 1973
Christine Kuntz	BS - 1964	Cedar Crest College	Grade 6	Sept. 1972
Harry Mavragis	Med - 1966	Salem State College	Grade 6	Sept. 1967
Ruth M. Chasse	Med - 1961	Lesley College	Spec. Class Teacher	Sept. 1958
Stephen Denson	MA - 1969	North Michigan University	Music	Sept. 1970
Henrietta Giannino	MA - 1940	New York University	Physical Education	Sept. 1960
Barbara Jackman	BS - 1957	Boston University	Art	Sept. 1969
Rose King	Med - 1961	Boston University	Reading	Sept. 1956
Georgia Lewis	Med - 1966	Salem State College	Percept. Handicapped	Sept. 1969
Carlotta Miller	Med - 1963	Boston University	Speech Therapist	Mar. 1971
Carolyn White	BS - 1954	Castleton State Teacher's Col.	Tester-Coach	Sept. 1964

SUMMARY SHEET

Oct. 1, 1973

TEACHER	GRADE	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL	GRADE TOTAL	SCHOOL TOTAL
FULLER MEADOW						
Mrs. Dorman	K(A)	8	14	22		
	(B)	8	8	16		
Mrs. Driscoll	K(A)	8	14	22		
	(B)	8	9	17	77	
Mrs. Hall	1	14	7	21		
Mrs. Hammond	1	13	3	16		
Miss Napieracz	1	11	14	25		
Mrs. Janco	1	7	8	15	77	
Mrs. Jenkins	2	9	10	19		
Mrs. Lavorgna	2	7	12	19		
Mrs. McIntosh	2	10	9	19		
Mrs. Webber	2	9	9	18	75	229
					Less Kindergarten	152
HOWE-MANNING						
Mrs. Carlson	3	9	12	21		
Mrs. Cassidy	3	10	12	22		
Mr. Kellogg	3	11	11	22		
Mrs. Riley	3	10	12	22	87	
Mrs. Amero	4	12	11	23		
Miss Cohen	4	11	12	23		
Mrs. Goldman	4	13	13	26		
Miss Meier	4	12	11	23	95	
Mrs. Deasy	5	11	12	23		
Mr. Gannon	5	12	11	23		
Mrs. Johnston	5	12	12	24		
Mrs. Williamson	5	11	12	23	93	
Miss Doherty	6	11	14	25		
Mr. Goldsmith	6	12	11	23		
Mr. Hart	6	13	13	26		
Mrs. Kuntz	6	11	10	21	95	
Miss Chasse	S.E.	5		5	5	375
					Total Both Schools	604

MIDDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Employees 1973

NAME	POSITION	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	NAME	POSITION	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
William Wiswall, M.D.	Physician	Sept. 1960	Doris Carroll	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1968
Bowdoin College			Helen Doucette	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1959
Boston University			Mary Emro	Cafeteria Wkr.	Dec. 1963
Barbara Bowes, R.N.	Nurse	Jan. 1967	Lorayne Hocter	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1957
Beverly Hospital	Attend. Officer	Sept. 1967	Sally Langis	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1968
Ruth I. Sgroi	Secretary (Supt.)	June 1966	Alice Reynolds	Cafeteria Wkr.	Jan. 1965
Bryant & Stratton			Judith Evans	Lunchtime Supr.	Jan. 1965
Ann L. Goodale	School Secretary	Feb. 1971	Rose Mugford	Lunchtime Supr.	Feb. 1966
Holten High School			Louise Renner	Lunchtime Supr.	Oct. 1973
Barbara J. Ryer	School Secretary	Jan. 1965	Susan Ullven	Lunchtime Supr.	Nov. 1973
Burdett			Victoria Young	Lunchtime Supr.	Jan. 1963
Mary L. Hamilton	School Com. Sec'y	Aug. 1963	Evelyn Lennox	Library Aide	Oct. 1967
Hesser Bus. Col.	Secretary (p.t.)		Rita Kelley	Library Aide	Mar. 1966
Patricia Lynch	School Com. Secretary	Oct. 1973	John Barrett	Custodian	Apr. 1973
Katharine Gibbs			William Boardman	Custodian	Nov. 1973
Mary E. King	Cafeteria Mgr.	Aug. 1958	T. Myron Reynolds	Custodian	May 1960
B.S. Univ. of N.H.			Ronald Stevens	Supr. Maint./Cust.	Dec. 1972
Irene Ashley	Cafeteria Wkr.	Sept. 1968			



Financial

ACCOUNTANT

ASSESSORS

TAX COLLECTOR

TREASURER

SALARIES & WAGES

ACCOUNTANT

The Town Accountant is responsible for financial administration within the Town and summarized below is a recap of his duties.

1. Maintain a complete set of accounting records, monitor each budgeted appropriation, expenditure, and cash receipt to insure fiscal responsibility.

2. Maintain custody over all Town records, contracts and long-term debt.

3. Keep all boards and committees informed as to current status of their expenditures and the balances remaining in their respective appropriation.

4. Publish an Annual Report giving a statement of all receipts and expenditures of the Town for the past financial year.

5. Prepare a weekly Town warrant authorizing the expenditure of Town Funds. This is the only source from which Town monies can be expended.

6. Reconcile all accounts with respective department heads or committees.

7. Close the Town Books at the end of each year and make a final report of the financial condition of the Town. Such report to be public information.

8. Attend meetings with Selectmen and Finance Committee to assist with Budget preparation.

During the transitional year to a new fiscal cycle, which will now be consistent with those of Federal and State Government, many new problems have arisen which have required special handling. The cooperation of all Town Boards in resolving these problems has been most gratifying to me and to all of you my sincere thanks. The Town is fortunate to have many capable people service in these positions. To this end, I solicit and encourage more people to become actively involved in administering their government. All too often, the tasks continue to remain with a dedicated few.

Due to the nature of the transitional year, the structure of your Town Report varies from what has been considered normal. A complete financial report will not be completed until the close of the fiscal year which is now June 30, 1974. However, in the interim, and prior to Town Meeting, I will present to you the latest possible financial condition of the Town to assist you in your actions during Town Meeting.

This new law, while imposing immediate hardships on the Town, will in the future provide benefits. The new law will enable Towns to complete the budget process and establish a tax rate before the fiscal year begins and bring all levels of government — federal, state, and municipality — into the same fiscal cycle.

Please take special note that in the back of this report we have included a tear-out section which contains all emergency numbers and fire alarm signals for placement near your telephone as a handy reference. The new proposed charter is also included for your reference. Please take the time to read it since it will become the Basis of Middleton Government, if accepted by you, the voters of Middleton.

Comments from citizens of the Town regarding the Town Report and the information contained therein are solicited. If additional statistics or data should be included in the Annual Report that you feel would be beneficial to you, as citizens, please make this known to me.

Bob Murphy

ASSESSORS

It is the responsibility of the Assessors to assess all real and personal property in the Town and to use these assessments and considering all other receipts, establish a tax rate that will raise sufficient funds to meet all financial obligations of the Town. The assessors must also provide assessment data to all other Town departments as required and their records are available to the public.

The following is a recapitulation of the money appropriated by the Town of Middleton and the estimated receipts deducted therefrom in the determination of the 1973 Tax Rate which was based on the eighteen month transitional period.

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Appropriations	4,642,472.76
Total Appropriations voted to be taken from Available Funds	278,452.70
School Lunch Program	8,379.00
Free Public Libraries	3,033.00
County Tax	47,278.90
1972 Underestimates of County Tax	1,550.81
State Recreation Area	12,513.65
Metropolitan Districts Area	179.30
Mass. Bay Transportation Authority	47,704.00
Mosquito Control Projects	6,506.36
1972 Underestimates of Mosquito Control Projects	287.68
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	412.05
Air Pollution Control Districts	146.95
Ipswich River Watershed Districts	231.31
1973 Overlay	51,637.01
 Gross amount to be raised	 5,100,785.48

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1973 Estimated Receipts from the local Aid and Agency Funds	773,264.33
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	135,000.00
Licenses	18,000.00
Fines	2,700.00
Protection of Persons and Property	6293.25
Public Service Enterprises (such as Water Dept. and Electric Light Dept.)	1,841,162.00
Cemeteries: (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	7,300.00
Interest: on Taxes and Assessments	14,900.00
Town of Danvers Lieu of Taxes	4,730.25
M.I.T..... Lieu of Taxes	3,611.85
Overestimates of Cherry Sheet	2,083.08
Total voted to be taken from Available Funds	303,452.70
 Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	 3,112,497.46
 Gross Amount to be raised	 5,100,785.48
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	3,112,497.46
 Net amount to be raised by Taxation	 1,988,288.02

Net amount to be raised by Taxation on Personal Property	27,677.31
Net amount to be raised by Taxation on Real Estate	1,297,848.02
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	1,325,525.33
2/3 Total Taxes levied on Property (for 12 Month Transitional Period)	1,325,525.33
1/3 Total Taxes levied on Property (for 6 Month Transitional Period)	662,762.69
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Net amount to be raised by Taxation	1,988,288.02

TOTAL VALUATION

Personal Property	408,220.00
Real Estate	19,142,380.00
Tax Rate	67.80

Paul B. Wake, Chairman
Donald A. Aylward
Richard O. Ajootian

resulting from duplication and the confusion caused by late billing resulted in a tremendous increase in the amount of counter work and telephone calls. Over 600 abatements and corrections were processed to expedite collections. This additional work is time consuming and it requires manpower. It requires knowledge of Tax laws and a thorough understanding of Tax collecting procedure. There is no substitute for counter work. It is mandatory that the Collector maintain certain records which must be kept on forms approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. These records require clerical work. There is no substitute in the way of Computer Service that can simplify the keeping of these records.

The eighteen month Transitional period has created many new problems for Tax Collectors.

In 1974 there will be double billing of Real Estate Taxes. Instead of sending out 1,750 Real Estate Tax bills we will be sending out approximately 3,500. The Fiscal Cycle Law requires that the first billing should be mailed on or before March 15th. These bills will cover a six month period and will mark the end of the Transitional period. The bills will be due and payable on or before May 1, 1974. The second billing of 1974 Real Estate Tax bills will cover the new Fiscal Year, July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975. These bills will be mailed during the summer of 1974 after the new Tax Rate has been set. There will be a new type of Tax bill designed for two payments. The first payment date will be November 1, 1974, the second payment date will be May 1, 1975. The introduction of this new system which will provide for semi-annual collection of property taxes will require a substantial increase in the amount of bookkeeping.

TAX COLLECTOR

The Tax Collector's office provides the Town with its largest source of revenue. With assessment data and tax rate provided by the assessors, the Tax Collector bills those owning real and personal property in the Town, manages the collection of taxes, notifies of arrears and takes property in settlement of delinquent taxes.

The year 1973 marks the beginning of the eighteen month Transitional period. It has been a most unusual year with many new collection problems resulting from Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes. These Tax bills originate at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. This agency sends the bills to the Department of Corporations and Taxation. They in turn transmit the bills to the Cities and Towns within the Commonwealth. Due to changes in the manner of Registration and a Computerized system many errors involving duplication and phantom Excise Tax bills have occurred. This has resulted in a costly case of mass confusion. Late billing has resulted in additional collection problems because of changes of address and automobile trading. Over 4,000 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes were mailed during 1973. Tax collectors have been blamed for many errors which have occurred at the State level. The last of 1972 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax bills were not committed until October 1973. The errors

Another problem in 1974 will involve Tax Takings in Oaknuths Park. This is a 30-acre parcel of land located on the Westerly side of North Main Street. The land has been divided into 675 small parcels. The land has been assessed to 165 different owners. Before the land is taken, there should be Title examination. There will be re-assessments. The next step will be Tax Taking. This will involve much Clerical work because it will include 165 accounts for 1971, 1972, 1973 and double billing for 1974. A total of 825 accounts to be closed out.

1974 promises to bring many new collection problems due to changes in Fiscal Year, continued problems with Motor Vehicle Excise and the anticipated growth of Ferncroft Village. It has been predicted that there will be triple the volume of work for the Tax Collector's Department.

Because of the increased work load, I have not been able to meet job requirements. Many of the things I am supposed to do have been done when I could find time not when they should have been done.

Tax collecting is not a part time operation.

The coming year presents a real challenge, I would like a fair chance to meet it.

Harold E. Tyler

TREASURER

The Law states that the Town Treasurer "shall receive and take charge of all money belonging to the Town, and pay over and account for the same according to the order of the Town or of its authorized officers. No other person shall pay any bill of any department." It is in the Treasurer's Cash Book that these transactions are accounted for and recorded. In general, the accompanying straight-line chart shows the inflow of cash to the Cash Book, and the generating source, and at the bottom, the outflow of cash and the purposes for which funds are disbursed.

The year 1973 was a year of innovations — a year ended when the books were not closed, but carried on for another six-month transitional period, when we look ahead to paying real estate taxes again all too soon. However distasteful this period may be, if it accomplishes its purpose, it should result in a more economical town government, cutting down on short-term borrowing while taxes were paid only once a year.

The second innovation was Federal Revenue Sharing. In 1973 for the first time, the Federal Government turned back to the Towns and Cities, funds which were not marked for specific purposes but to be spent at the discretion of the towns for the purposes they deemed most needed. This money, which is invested by the Town Treasurer in the interim period between receipt and disbursement has already resulted in a sizeable increase in Investment Income.

All disbursements are made under a Town Warrant, weekly. This is a listing of bills for goods and services, which have been OK'd by department heads, prepared by the Town Accountant, reviewed by the Board of Selectmen, and authorized for payment by their signatures, which is then turned over to the Treasurer for payment by check.

The Payroll Warrant, with deductions for State and Federal Withholding Taxes, Retirement Programs, Hospitalization Plans, Teachers' Annuities, Insurance, Credit Union Dues, and Misc. is prepared weekly by the Town Treasurer, and payments to the various agencies made at stated intervals.

While the Middleton Electric Light Department and the two Middleton Schools function with separate budgets, all their bills and payrolls are paid under the warrants, as are quarterly Masconomet School District Assessments. Money received from Federal Revenue Sharing goes through the Cash Book and must be accounted for separately for the Federal Government.

Monthly, the Treasurer reports receipts of all money to the Town Accountant, and prepares an Annual Report.

The Town Treasurer also serves as Custodian of Town Lands and Tax Titles of such lands, to enforce payment of uncollected taxes, and foreclose and sell at auction once a year, to put it back on the tax rolls.

Patricia M. Jordan
Town Treasurer



MR. HAROLD TYLER

SALARIES AND WAGES PAID 1973

REGULAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

William J. Hocter	11,296.16
Frank A. Karayianes	10,660.32
George Kimball	1,647.74
Henry Michalski Jr.	10,857.67
George W. Nash	13,248.48
Harold F. Purdy	7,070.27

CALL FIREMEN

Charles S. Clinch, Jr.	284.63
Charles S. Clinch, III	1955.13
Richard D. Collins	608.63
John M. Cryan	412.00
George E. Dow, Sr.	765.63
Richard D. Floyd, Jr.	1,262.87
Richard G. Goodale, Sr.	1,100.38
Richard G. Goodale, Jr.	729.88
Francis J. Hocter	960.42
Andrew Karayianes	146.50
Edward Karayianes, Jr.	300.00
Paul G. Kilroy	113.75
George C. Kimball	438.52
William Klowowski	113.75
David T. Leary	2,119.25
James K. Martin	114.00
Frank Maynard	15.00
Edward J. Michalski	991.50
William R. Mugford, Jr.	1,587.88
James Muise	474.83
Richard F. Nash	1,807.25
Charles W. Newhall	398.38
James H. Ogden, Sr.	809.25
George B. Ogden	16.25
Carl N. Ohlson	209.88
Charles H. Ohlson, Jr.	225.13
Carl A. Peterson	15.00
Samuel Poel	119.58
Karl A. Shuman	175.75
Barry Stevens	612.75
Wilbur A. Witham	91.23

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul F. Armitage	9,999.14
William Barrett	9,993.33
Henry A. Bouchard	11,581.77
Louis J. Fedullo	4,424.00
Robert Fox	395.50
Robert Hurd	3,610.25
Earl Peachey	4,418.15
Robert T. Peachey	12,709.73
Paul J. Peters	10,488.40
Edward J. Richardson	14,304.92

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

John N. Bishop	11,484.88
Charles S. Clinch, Jr.	13,724.50
Annie J. Dow	8,407.62
J. Lansing English	15,730.78
Muriel Gullifer	3,024.40
Paul C. Kilroy	12,216.06
Carl R. Peterson	11,998.32
James Sabino	1,663.54
Kingsley Scott	945.00
Pauline E. Shuman	250.92
Gene C. Trask	9,317.00
Wilbur A. Witham	12,104.31
Henry A. Bouchard	24.00
Daniel Dunn	19.00
Joseph M. Ferreira	887.04
Ernest R. Gould	30.40
James Hazen	64.02
Howard Ingalls	11.00
William Mugford	7.00
Robert Peachey	24.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Leopold S. Blais	8,136.80
Donald Dixey	8,223.20
James Donovan	8,056.58
Peter Kasanenko	8,078.50
Allan Marshall	10,150.40
William Mugford, Jr.	8,009.30
John Blais	116.58
Richard Blais	77.35
Roger Blais	28.73
Kenneth Britner	106.42
Jeannette Colby	145.00
Bruce Conway	634.27
Steven Faulkner	22.10
Lloyd Gifford	114.33
Ernest R. Gould	106.38
Bobby Hill	41.99
Mark Leary	17.68
Robert McCarthy	39.78
Jean McSheehy	16.00
David Maynard	8.84
Charles Phaneuf	8.84
Samuel Poel	72.93
Thomas Porter	39.78
Gordon Sheldon	11.05
Paul Vasey	486.20

CEMETERY, TREE, & PARK DEPARTMENTS

Kenneth Britner	1,963.81
Lloyd S. Gifford	7,150.83
Ernest R. Gould	8,011.32
Danna A. Aylward	912.64
Howard Cashman	11.10
Margaret Colby	257.92
Michael Martin	466.24

LIBRARY

Page Campbell	2,373.36	James A. Muise	37.50
Jacqueline Comer	34.88	William Mugford	1,250.00
Dorothy M. English	2,021.30	Robert F. Murphy	3,999.99
Patricia M. Kelley	1,850.62	Shirley A. Murphy	579.50
Rosemary A. Malone	1,902.00	Charles H. Ohlson, Jr.	1,050.00
Tracy Malone	278.00	Gloria J. Oleary	105.00
Iris McCarthy	53.32	Blanch Paul	32.50
William Mugford, Jr.	1,200.00	Betty Peachey	12.00
Donna Murphy	158.00	Robert Peachey	50.00
Edith A. Wennerberg	2,482.40	Mary Ann Peterson	87.50
Virginia F. Wentworth	3,208.34	Sandra Pollack	12.00
Christine Whelan	192.76	Lucille Poole	48.13

TOWN OFFICES

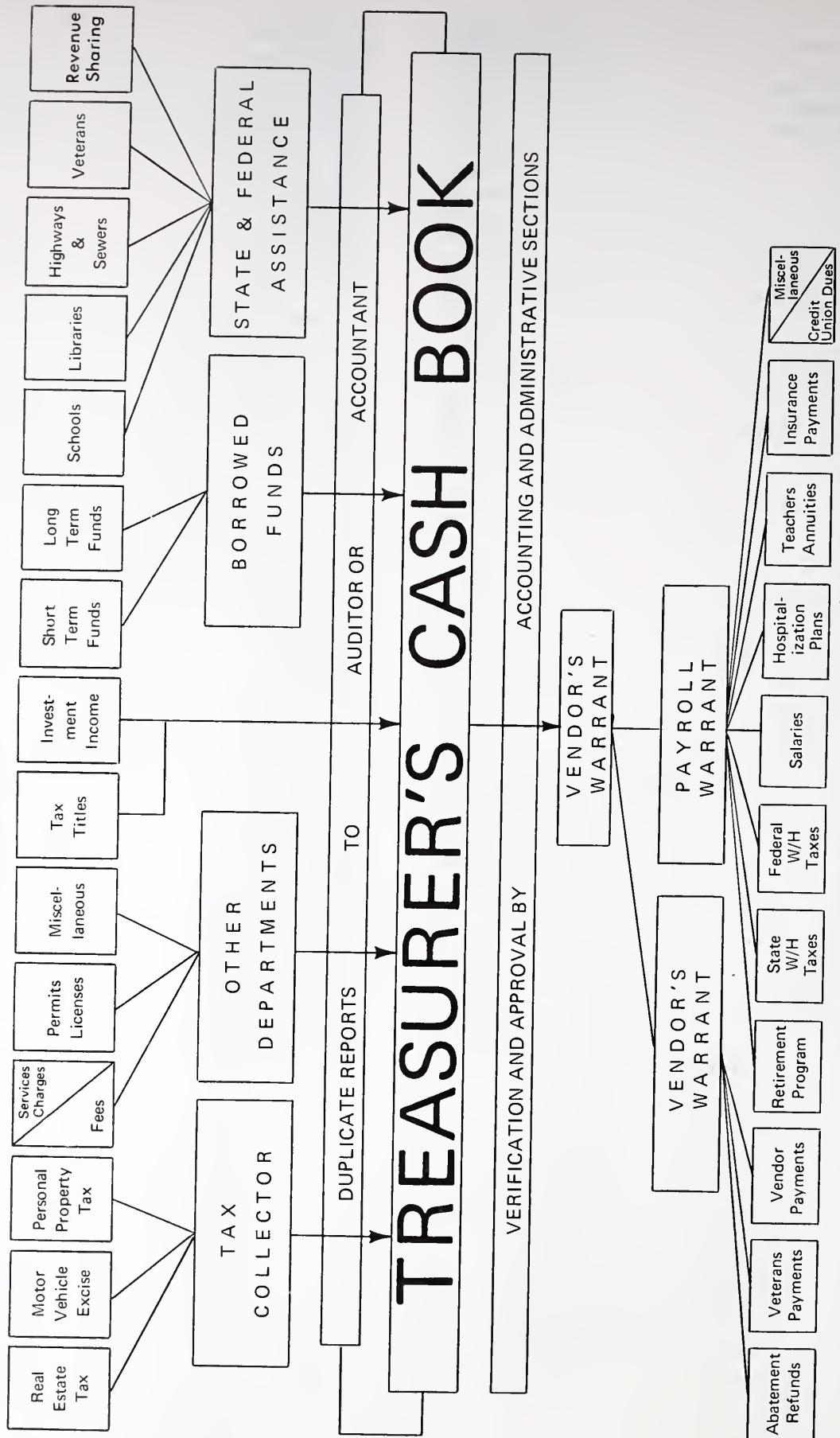
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Donald A. Aylward	1,799.96	Jean E. Stewart	916.52
John R. Barrett	799.92	Elsie Thurston	12.00
Joseph J. Campano, Jr.	1,999.92	M. Evelyn Trum	943.34
Barbara Chafe	140.00	Suzanne Truppasso	402.50
Leo F. Cormier	1,303.62	Harold E. Tyler	3,999.99
John M. Cryan	50.00	Laura Tyler	2,370.72
Virginia M. Cryan	28.00	James Vrees	150.00
Dennis E. Currier	999.99	Paul B. Wake	1,292.20
Thomas F. Dolan	217.84	J. Russell Wallen	50.00
Arthur R. Donovan	499.98	Marie Winquist	26.00
John Dowling	250.00	Ann Woodbury	172.50
David E. Fairbanks	50.00	Beverly Woodbury	158.00
George M. Farley	999.99	Nora Woodbury	12.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

William Fuller	1,000.00	Mary Anne Amero	10,208.59
Ann L. Goodale	12.00	Daniel Anderson	1,370.20
Ernest R. Gould	100.00	Thomas Anderson	2,358.78
Bernard Greenbaum	217.84	Marcia Arsenault	20.00
Susan M. Harlow	171.50	Irene Ashley	2,499.77
Francis J. Hocter	125.00	Florence Bandemer	3.80
Lorayne Hocter	12.00	John R. Barrett	4,955.49
Mary C. Hocter	225.00	Barbara L. Bowes	7,473.05
Kathleen Jacques	330.00	Janet Branch	485.00
Lynn Jillson	360.00	Donna Brown	290.00
Diane F. Jordan	69.69	Sandra Budzinski	3,254.86
Linda Jordan	13.92	Marrion Burr	20.00
Patricia M. Jordan	3,999.99	Susan Burrall	440.00
John Kinsvater	250.00	Clover Campbell	1,935.00
Kevin T. Knoblock	199.50	Vera Carlson	7,442.65
Lois Lane	15.00	Doris Carroll	2,489.47
Michael Lavorgna	100.00	Eleanor C. Cassidy	10,759.74
Eugene J. LeBlanc	782.12	Ruth Chasse	12,281.22
Leon J. LeBlanc	916.63	Aurore Chouinard	603.00
Esther McColley	26.00	Deborah Cohen	30.00
Jean McSheehy	5,720.04	Susan B. Cohen	11,593.46
Doris Makkers	12.00	June C. Creesy	150.00
Nancy M. Martinuk	286.00	Mary Cunec	300.00
William T. Martin, Jr.	1,199.99	Charlotte D'Agostino	20.00
Alice Milbery	12.00	Christine Deasy	11,288.90
John W. Milbery	999.99	Stephen Denson	11,988.11
Richard A. Moreschi	150.00	Carol F. Doherty	10,071.18

Rose Marie Dorman	8,327.23	Richard Lebel	525.00
Helen Doucette	2,716.86	Evelyn F. Lennox	3,063.72
Catherine M. Driscoll	9,181.09	Georgia Lewis	7,312.00
Patricia D. Drouin	362.25	Patricia Lynch	52.52
William N. Ecarman	1,150.84	Veronica McIntosh	11,485.08
Joan Emerson	344.48	David McMinnimen	250.00
Mary Emro	2,390.60	Gary Mangion	40.00
Judith Evans	346.70	Joyce Martin	350.00
Joan L. Farrin	424.08	Kenneth Masse	59.50
Glenn M. Fay	72.00	Harry Mavragis	1,892.00
Francis N. FitzGerald	20,237.42	Sandra L. Meier	10,516.10
Patricia Fitzgerald	2,417.50	John Mendelka	1,501.65
Philip A. Flowers	14,041.00	Carlotta Miller	4,388.51
Jean Gagnon	2,030.00	Rose Mugford	305.90
Barbara Gallagher	20.00	Beverly A. Napieracz	12,154.66
Richard L. Gannon	9,235.50	David Nelson	118.40
Henrietta G. Giannino	12,181.07	Callie Pacelli	10.00
Laurel Giannino	120.00	Florence Peart	52.20
Roslyn E. Goldman	7,968.59	Marsha Pickard	9.90
John Goldsmith	7,920.14	William Poll	166.00
Ann L. Goodale	4,367.31	Louise Renner	309.04
Linda Goodale	50.00	Alice F. Reynolds	735.34
Marion Gorzela	20.00	T. Myron Reynolds	7,063.65
Wilhemine Hall	7,550.50	Janet M. Riley	9,347.85
Sandra Halpern	40.00	Dana Rubchinuk	1,025.32
Mary L. Hamilton	3,761.49	Barbara J. Ryer	6,174.35
Eileen B. Hammond	11,081.22	Gloria Seabrook	20.00
John H. Hart	7,039.82	David M. Sgroi	10.48
Lorayne C. Hocter	1,123.32	Ruth Sgroi	7,355.30
Estelle Hughes	300.00	Judith Snow	140.00
Daniel Hutchins	345.02	Martha Soule	2,386.56
Barbara N. Jackman	9,477.23	Sharlene Smith	290.00
Rosemary Janco	10,175.83	Sheila Standerling	210.00
Linda M. Jenkins	2,777.58	Mark Stevens	1,616.71
Angela Johns	400.00	Ronald H. Stevens	6,599.90
J. Nellie Johnston	12,181.31	John Sutherland	40.00
Mary E. King	8,077.54	Nancy Thomas	510.00
Rose E. King	12,181.31	Susan C. Ullven	70.00
Kathy Kelley	19.00	Barbara Vient	152.64
Pamela Kelley	8.00	Jeannette Vrees	200.70
Rita M. Kelley	2,239.80	Victoria M. Young	471.20
Paul Kellogg	8,425.50	Faylene H. Webber	11,081.22
Theresa Knoblock	337.50	Carolyn H. White	11,381.22
Susan A. Krefetz	2,910.47	Joyce E. Williamson	9,636.22
Christine Y. Kuntz	8,143.59	Eugene C. Winter	15,469.35
Sally Langis	2,349.77	William Wiswall	1,100.00
Villa Lavorgna	11,081.22	Anne Woodbury	150.00
Cyrille Lazo	20.00		

RECEIPTS



DISBURSEMENTS

Health

COMMUNITY NURSE
BOARD OF HEALTH
HEALTH AGENT
ANIMAL INSPECTOR
MOSQUITO CONTROL

COMMUNITY NURSE

Each Town in the Commonwealth is required by provisions of the Mass. General Law to provide for the services of a community nurse. The Town of Middleton is fortunate in having a group of private citizens whose organization, Middleton Community Service, Inc., assists the Town to this end. The scope of the duties of the community nurse are limited only by her case load and her own imagination.

I haven't been able to decipher, as yet, just what sort of conspiracy is planned against me. I'm sure there is a scheme to discredit me. Why else would so many people, who are under my supervision, prove to be so capable and conscientious? The dedication which the people who work out of my office have shown is dynamic. Their efficiency is overpowering. The struggle to compete leaves me frustrated.

Jini Stevens, my assistant, who joined the staff in late March, is just too much. Her nursing care surpasses all. She spreads so much happiness that I can't feel justified in displaying even a slight amount of dejection as I struggle for answers to some of the vast and often complex problems which confront this office. I find it very difficult to cope with a person whose keen insight results in obtaining a telephone for an elderly man who lives alone and is separated from society. How can I prove my own competence when Jini's awareness realizes the value in having a patient fitted to a hearing aid? If Jini continues in this compassionate and efficient manner, she will succeed in causing me to feel completely inadequate and worthless.

More frustrations surfaced when Pat Spear and Keith Halloran did such a supreme job organizing and implementing Project Camps for Kids. They were responsible for sending 77 children from underprivileged families to various camps for 2-week periods last summer. This State-funded project proved extremely successful. In fact, Pat and Keith worked with such efficiency that at times I was miserable. I tried every known method to thwart their ability, but it was futile. They're just too capable. I couldn't demolish them even slightly.

Patty Cashman and Linda Rielly were assigned to me for the summer. Certainly, I now had two people whom I could finally subvert. These young teens cheerfully and willingly cut grass, scrubbed floors, prepared meals, ran errands, and cleaned the homes of the elderly and infirm. Their performance was outstanding. Nothing I could suggest would improve their capability. They managed to bring joy to about 20 shut-ins on a regular weekly basis. How could I possibly defeat them? They were also a part of the conspiracy against me. I was rapidly losing my identity.

A summer program for handicapped children was instituted. Two teenagers were sent as counselors to a Danvers camp where six Middleton children enjoyed a summer of learning and fun. Theresa Knobloch and Janis Deschamps proved to be such valuable assets to the program that, again, I was left completely defeated in the endeavor to prove my own proficiency.

Joan Gray, our Physical Therapist, has done nothing to boost my ego. She visited several people throughout the year to exploit her expert treatment. She made 152 home visits and skillfully helped to rehabilitate her patients to former or near former status following their illnesses or injuries. I could hardly bear her dexterity.

Behind the scene of these magnetic individuals is our dependable and always accommodating secretary, Alex Shaw. She types reports, bills for services, takes dictation, answers the phone, files records, keeps ledgers, makes appointments, contacts patients, and saves the day when our busy office appears to be disintegrating from mass pandemonium. Her pleasant manner and willingness is extremely contagious. Everyone soon yields to her complaisant attitude.

A few other accomplishments of the past year should be mentioned. There were 1428 home visits made. 114 patients were admitted and 53 discharged, leaving a caseload of 61 to start 1974. 100 town employees and senior citizens were given flu immunization, as well as 125 children who were immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, rubella, and mumps in a series of 4 clinics. We visited 11 premature and newborn infants and held 17 blood pressure and health counseling clinics which 93 people visited. A Lazy Eye Screening was held for 66 children and three were referred to their own ophthalmologists for treatment. There were 87 food handlers skin tested for T.B., and 50 ex-T.B. patients and their contacts were kept under surveillance. We also made countless referrals to other agencies for assistance and served a total of 1338+ caseload in one capacity or another. That's nearly one half of Middleton's population. All of this was accomplished in 1609½ nurse hours.

Our office was in a state of confusion most of the time, but I managed to keep the confusion organized. I also kept the teapot boiling and the coffee cake proportioned. I did a good job, I know I did. Why do I feel so threatened? After all, I did attend a lot of meetings.

Who is head of the conspiracy I have yet to learn. These people are trying to destroy me with their superb performances. But I won't succumb. I'll continue to plan for new programs and reach for a greater clientele until our programs encompass the entire population. That's what community nursing is all about.

Marie T. Deschamps, R.N.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Until 1972 the functions of the Board of Health were handled by the Board of Selectmen. In 1972 the Selectmen petitioned the General Court for permission to establish an independent Board of Health and the petition was granted.

The duties of the Board of Health are many and include: approval of all septic system installations, enforcement of community and state health regulations, management of the Town Sanitary land fill, direction of the efforts of the Town Health Agent, and general protection of the health of the citizens of the Town of Middleton.

The regular meetings of the Board of Health have been changed to the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall.

One of the first acts of the Board this year included the appointment of Leo F. Cormier as Health Agent and the awarding of the sanitary land fill contract. The sanitary land fill has operated since June 1 under new supervision according to the specifications listed in the contract. It has remained in operation under the same hours: SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; WEDNESDAY 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During the summer months several suspected incidents of equine encephalitis were reported to Leo Cormier, Health Agent. His investigations found some positive results and, in conjunction with the State Department of Health, mosquito control and spraying operations were conducted.

At the March town meeting, \$3,000.00 was appropriated to establish a drug education prevention program to be administered by the Board of Health. The Tri-Town Council applied for some money from this fund. Unfortunately, facilities in this town for the program were not available and the Council was unable to provide sufficient full-time professional counselling for the proposed program.

The Town of Middleton has entered into the South Essex Solid Waste Council, the purpose of which is to establish a solid waste facility that would service cities and towns in the area at an economically attractive cost. This facility would meet the state's stringent requirements for waste disposal, and the town would be relieved of the problem of finding land fill sites.

The Board takes this opportunity to thank the town officials and others who have helped in the operation of the Board this year.

Thomas F. Dolan, Chairman
Willard G. Page, Clerk
Jacquelyn Armitage, R.N.

HEALTH AGENT

The Health Agent of the Town reports to the Board of Health and he performs all of the physical testing required by the Board.

(April 1 - December 31)

Percolation Tests		
	approved	27
	failed	5
Septic Systems		
New	approved	20
	variances granted	2
Rebuilt	approved	4
	pending	4
Milk Samples checked		16
Complaints investigated		27
Conferences with:		
Board of Health		8
Health Nurse		6
State Public Health Department		13
Trips to Regional Health Office		6
Swimming Facilities inspected and approved		7

Water Tests taken	18
Board of Health Meetings attended	8
Food Service Establishments inspected	27
Environmental Surface Squabs run	122
Notices to Abate Nuisances sent	5
Notices to Cease & Desist sent	1

Emergency Actions:

Eastern Equine Encephalitis -

Birds collected	3
Positive testing bird	1

The Town was then sprayed by State Department of Public Health to kill mosquitoes for control of this disease.

Epsom Salts

All stores checked for possible existence of impure Epsom Salts.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to members of the Board of Health for their guidance and help, and to those I have worked with throughout the year, for their co-operation.

Leo F. Cormier
Health Agent

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Animal Inspector is appointed by the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of Chapter 129, Sec. 15 of the M.G.L. The duties of the Animal Inspector include: 'comply and enforce all orders and regulations directed to him', 'make regular and thorough inspections of all meat cattle, sheep and swine' in the town, 'examine the places in which meat cattle are kept', make inspection of all other domestic animals known to have been exposed to any contagious disease', keep records of all animal inspections and in general protect the people of the Town and the Commonwealth from animal borne infection and otherwise.

REPORT OF ANIMAL BITES

Animals quarantined for ten days, for suspicion of rabies, and released. (Chapter 129 MGL)

Dogs	32
Cats	0

ANIMALS INSPECTED AND RELEASED

Grade Purebreed

Milk cows and heifers		
two years old and older	354	0
Dairy heifers one or two years of age	9	1
Heifers calves under one year	28	0
Dairy bulls	15	0
Beef cattle	24	8
Horses		72
Ponies		64
Sheep		16
Goats		6
Swine		42
Burros		3

A total of 479 miles was traveled inspecting livestock, and quarantined dog bites.

Charles H. Ohlson

THE ESSEX COUNTY, REVERE AND WINTHROP MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The year 1973 at the outset promised to be exceptionally productive of mosquitoes because of the above normal precipitation of late 1972. A period of abnormally warm weather from April 15 to April 24 brought about the premature activation of some of the Anopheles mosquitoes that overwinter in the adult stage. Many persons reported being bitten by the insects on April 15, unbelievably early for northern Massachusetts. The weather then cooled until the last week in May when the bulk of the spring brood of mosquitoes emerged at the usual time. While the spring brood was heavy and particularly bothersome through early July, the mosquito population dropped off noticeably during late July and early August due to below normal precipitation.

The coastal marshes which usually produce several consecutive broods of salt marsh mosquitoes beginning about July 1, did not become active until the first week in August. The heaviest concentration of salt marsh mosquitoes occurred during the first week in September.

During the month of August an outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis began to show in wild birds and mosquitoes and subsequently horses in southern New Hampshire, eastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The encephalitis virus was isolated from mosquitoes and birds in many areas of Essex County with alarming frequency. The number of horse and bird deaths in southern New Hampshire was the cause of great concern in northeastern Massachusetts but fortunately none were reported in Essex County. However many horses died in Bristol, Plymouth, and Middlesex Counties, while two animals succumbed on Nantucket Island. Large numbers of pheasants at the state game farm in Willbraham, Massachusetts fell victim to the disease as did many wild birds in the eastern half of the State.

The State Department of Health through its Encephalitis Field Station in Lakeville, Massachusetts worked round the clock in trying to determine the seriousness of the disease and its potential threat to humans. In 1955 and 1956 a serious epidemic of Eastern Encephalitis occurred in southeastern Massachusetts. At that time humans were involved. The positive isolations of viral activity in mosquitoes, birds, and horses in 1973 were far more numerous and widespread than in the fifties. Also for the first time, the virus of Western Encephalitis was located in several areas. Though summer's end was near, there was enough mosquito activity to constitute a definite threat to human health, and based on facts before them the state public health officials ordered a large scale aerial spray which ultimately covered all of Essex and Bristol Counties, most of Plymouth County, and a large segment of Middlesex County. The objective was to break the viral cycle and to prevent to as great degree as possible the overwintering of both encephalitis viruses in certain host animals. We must wait until mid-summer of 1974 to determine the results.

As Superintendent of the Essex County Project I feel it my duty to inform the general public that the encephalitis threat of 1973 was far more serious than information released by public health officials indicated. I was encouraged

that at long last, the Commonwealth acted to prevent a serious situation from developing, rather than responding after the fact.

The chemical used in the emergency aerial spray was Malathion 95% Technical at the rate of three fluid ounces per acre. Because this Project has been accused many times during recent years of seriously damaging fish and wildlife and domestic animals with a much lesser dosage, I felt it imperative that we observe very closely the results of such a large scale operation employing Malathion. We conducted very comprehensive inspections of both salt marsh and upland areas prior to, during, and for many days after the massive aerial spray. We were delighted to find and are pleased to report no visible damage whatsoever to any creatures other than those in the insect world. Even the loss to beekeepers which was expected to be considerable, was very spotty and amounted to but a small percentage of the total population of the colonies.

The Essex County Project continues to emphasize strongly the permanent aspects of a year-round program; that is the larviciding, the drainage, and the water management directed toward the reduction of the breeding potential by elimination of the breeding source. This type of program is rather low key as compared to large scale fogging and spraying operations designed to exterminate the mosquito on the wing, and the results are not so readily noticeable. However the permanent reduction of the mosquito population is our objective and this can be achieved by continuing year after year the methods now employed by this Project. This of course requires a considerable amount of patience and understanding on the part of the general public.

What effect the energy crisis will have on our program for 1974 is hard to predict, as much of our equipment is powered by gasoline. Another tractor-backhoe has recently been added to the fleet that we may expand our work in the field. The thermal-aerosol fogging machines employed in our summer spraying dispense many thousands of gallons of #2 fuel oil and consume a considerable amount of gasoline. With both of these materials not only in short supply, but prohibitive in price as well, it is safe to assume that we will be forced to cut back in the use of power equipment and rely more on manual labor in several phases of our operation. This would mean an expansion of the larviciding program and the clearing of brooks and streams by hand rather than with machinery. Under the circumstances we are all faced with a change in life style and mosquito control will be no exception.

The staff of the Essex County, Winthrop and Revere Mosquito Control Project wishes to thank the residents of the district for their continued cooperation.

A summary of work accomplished by the Essex County Mosquito Control Project in Middleton during 1973:

Pre-hatch or winter ice dusting	38 1/2 acres
Larviciding	36 acres
Brushing out	100 feet
Ditching with power equipment	5,625 feet
Spraying or fogging on: June 6, 13, 20; July 11, 18, 26; August 1, 29.	

Robert W. Spencer
Superintendent

Planning

BOARD OF APPEALS
CHARTER COMMISSION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PLANNING BOARD

BOARD OF APPEALS

Chapter 40A, Section 14 of the Mass. General Laws requires that every city or town must provide by-law for a Board of Appeals when it adopts a zoning ordinance or by-law.

Chapter 40A, Section 13. An appeal to the Board of Appeals established under Section 14 may be taken by any person aggrieved by reason of his inability to obtain a permit from any administrative official under the provisions of this Chapter, or by any officer or board of the town, or by any person aggrieved by any order or decision of the Inspector of Buildings or other administrative official in violation of any provision of this Chapter, or any zoning ordinance or by-law adopted thereunder. Members of the Board are appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

During the year of 1973 the Board of Appeals heard a total of 30 petitions, as provided under the Zoning By-Laws of the Town. Two of these were hold-overs from 1972. Of this number 21 were granted, with many conditions and/or restrictions imposed for the best interest of the Town, as viewed by the Board. Five petitions were denied. Three were given leave to withdraw without prejudice, and one was held over to 1974.

Financially, at the end of the calendar year, all accounts remain in the black, and it is expected that the Board, at the end of the fiscal year will be returning unexpended monies to the Town.

The regularly scheduled hearings of the Board of Appeals are held at Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of each month, at 8 p.m.

A deposit of \$20.00 in the form of a check, payable to the Town of Middleton, must be presented to the Town Clerk at the time of filing a petition, not less than 21 days before the hearing. Each petitioner may be subject to additional billing if the expense incurred for his hearing exceeds the deposit paid.

Mr. Allan Cole has been appointed as alternate by the Selectmen to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Nathan Hayward last year.

The Board wants to thank the various Boards and Town Officials for their continuous cooperation and assistance throughout the year.

Ebbe B. Wennerberg, Chairman
Joseph E. Conceison, Clerk
R. L. Barrows
Philip J. Cataldo
Louis Fioretti
Robert Kelley, Alternate
Allan R. Cole, Alternate

CHARTER COMMISSION

The Charter Commission was created by an act of the voters of the Town of Middleton when in answer to the question:

"Shall a Commission be elected to frame a Charter for the Town of Middleton?"

Yes	674
No	251

Immediately upon being sworn to office by the Town Clerk in early April, the Commission held its organization meeting, chose its officers, outlined a work program and set a tentative schedule of meetings.

Two advertised public hearings, some 60 open meetings as well as 71 personal interviews with town officials were conducted. Interviews with Charter Commission members of other towns — both 'working' and 'retired' — conferences with the office of the Commissioner of Community Affairs, communications with the Attorney General and contacts with innumerable 'informed' people at various levels of government were successfully arranged.

A preliminary draft of the proposed charter was published in the newspaper in November and a copy was delivered to every residence in Town. Subsequently, a public hearing and several well attended open meetings resulted in many valuable and helpful suggestions being brought to the surface. Consequently the final draft is well on its way to completion and will shortly be presented to the Board of Selectmen for publication and insertion on the May 1974 ballot.

We wish to thank all the Town Officials and those citizens who gave so generously of their time and opinions in aiding the efforts of the Commission towards formulating this so very vital document. Without their help, the Charter's existence would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible.

R. Lionel Barrows, Chairman
George E. Dow, Sr., Vice Chairman
John P. Caulfield, Clerk
Shirley M. Raynard
William L. Dearborn
Robert W. Fox
John A. Goodwin
Robert E. Kelley

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The members of the Conservation Commission are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and their duties can be broadly classified as 'protection of the environment'. The General Court supports this view and in the last few years has given significant power and control of environmental situations to Conservation Commissions, specifically in the area of wet land use.

Your Conservation Commission reports to you some good news and some bad news. The good news is that more and more citizens are becoming concerned about pollution. We have had cooperation from townspeople in reporting to us problems of conservation: for example, leaving brush from cuttings too close to homes and roads, filling in wetland areas adjacent to a brook or river. The cleanup program of the streets and our River has been outstanding. We de-

plore spying on our neighbors, but we welcome your help if someone throws cans, rubbish, or swill on our streets or in our River. You can help by being concerned and telling the offender to "knock it off."

The bad news is that it is a running battle to combat the destruction of our natural resources. The filling-in of our wetlands next to our brooks and River has continued in spite of our protests. We need the help of all townspeople so we can act before it is an accomplished fact.

Again, we say you can help us. If you see any junk lying around, please pick it up. We know radio and television has said a lot. However, your personal action counts a lot more than many of the words which have been said in the last year.

Frank Gorham
William Klosowski
Henry Tragert
Leonard Kupreance, Clerk
Henry N. Sawyer, Chairman

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Industrial Development Commission of the Town is permitted under Chapter 40, Sec. 8A of the Mass. General Law 'for the promotion and development of the industrial resources of the town.' The members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Commission received only two inquiries during 1973 requesting use of its services. As a result, it has been largely inoperative.

With the relocation of John Violette and the resignation of the Chairman, there is but one member remaining on what was established as a five (5) person commission. It would seem that this is a uniquely opportune time for the Town to re-assess the needs, duties, and direction of this body.

Thomas M. Mullen, Chairman
Douglas Nelson

PLANNING BOARD

A Planning Board in Middleton is permitted under Chapter 41, Sec. 70 of the Mass. General Law and it 'shall make careful studies of the resources, possibilities and needs of the town, particularly with respect to conditions injurious to the public health or otherwise in and about rented dwellings, and make plans for the development of the municipality, with special reference to proper housing of its inhabitants'. The members of the Board are elected at the annual town meeting for overlapping terms.

Eleven regular meetings (no quorum at another) were held at Memorial Hall, South Main Street on the second Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Hamilton was elected to the board in the March election replacing Mr. Louis Cerullo who retired. At the April meeting the board reorganized with the following officers elected: Chairman, Donald Hall; Clerk, Thomas Hamilton.

During the regular meetings the board signed sixteen (16) plans "Approval under the Subdivision Control Law not required." One subdivision, at the corner of East and Locust Street, was approved. One preliminary plan on River Street was reviewed with significant modifications requested.

Eight plans for business and industrial enterprises were reviewed with recommendations made to the building inspector and the board of appeals. The Town's zoning is apparently attractive to businesses because we are continuing to see new plants erected and signs of more to come.

The board held four informal discussions on the rezoning of North Main Street (east side) from residential and business to industrial. It is our hope to get this proposal to the next annual town meeting for a vote.

In the fall, the board received the resignation of Mr. Hamilton who had the good fortune of an opportunity to study at the University of Wisconsin Graduate School of Municipal Planning. He was replaced on the board by Mr. Lewis Hart.

The board extends its thanks to all those who have shown an interest in our Town's zoning — especially the proposal for North Main Street.

Donald H. Hall, Chairman
Lewis J. Hart, Clerk
Louis A. Barett
Eugene J. LeBlanc
Robert J. Preytis



Public Works

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

PARK DEPARTMENT

TREE DEPARTMENT

WATER DEPARTMENT

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The tasks of the Cemetery, Park and Tree Departments are effectively combined into one department in the Town. The similarity of task makes it practical and the staff involved makes it possible.

The Oak Dale, Merriam and Flint Cemetery are the property of the Town of Middleton and are managed by 3 Cemetery Commissioners elected at Town Meeting for three year overlapping terms.

Each year the cemetery grows larger, as new areas are added. Last summer several avenues were hot-topped, and plans were made to repair some old avenues which were showing signs of age.

An ample supply of wood chips is stored at the cemetery, available for residents who want them.

We thank all of the other departments in the Town that have cooperated with us during the past year.

Michael Lavorgna, Chairman
William Mugford
Chief Edward Richardson

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department in the Town is managed by the Highway Surveyor who is elected at the Town Meeting for a 3-year term. The department is responsible for the maintenance, construction and reconstruction of all accepted ways of the Town, excepting state highways and the department is additionally responsible for drainage within the Town.

SNOW REMOVAL

1973 was a very light snow year, costing only approximately \$20,000.00.

CHAPTER 81

The usual patching, drainage, and general maintenance work was done, and the following streets were resurfaced:

4 Essex Street	1.30 miles
6 Forest Street	.20 miles
11 Lake Street	.40 miles
12 Liberty Street	1.30 miles
13 Locust Street	.70 miles
17 Mill Street	.20 miles

CHAPTER 90 — Maintenance

This money was expended on Boston Street, which was hot-topped.

CHAPTER 90 — Construction

A new section of Forest Street was completed in 1973, and if we do not run into any ledge it should be finished in 1974

HIGHWAY EXPENSES

This account takes care of all expenses not covered by Chapters 81 and 90, and payrolls in the winter when we are not working on snow.

STORM DRAINS

This money was expended on Liberty Street, Highland Road, Kenney Road, and River Street, and all the catch basins were cleaned.

Allan G. Marshall
Highway Surveyor

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

The Electric Light Department, established in 1914 under Chapter 164 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has the function of purchasing power in bulk at transmission voltage level and for the sub transmission, transforming to distribution voltage levels and distributing electricity to all Municipal, Residential, Commercial, and Industrial customers within the Town of Middleton. The properties owned by the Town and involved in this work include two 5000 KVA Substations, four 2500 KVA substations, 2.8 miles of transmission lines, 48.1 miles of distribution line and more than 600 Distribution Transformers. Maintenance of the Plant is done by two Bucket Line Truck crews which also do a major part of all new construction in addition to that performed for the Department by contract crews.

The Department is operated by a manager under the direction of the elected Board of Electric Light Commissioners.

During the year, regular and special meetings were held by the Board at its office on South Main Street.

Total Power Purchased	29,769,493 kwh
Total Cost of Power	\$472,241.92
Peak Demand	5275 kw
Date Occurred	Thursday, June 21, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Services Installed	
3 wire, new	14
3 wire, conversions	18
4 wire, 3 phase, new	10
3 wire, 3 phase, new	1
4 wire, 3 phase, conversion	1
Temporary Services 3 wire	11
Temporary Services, 4 wire, 3 phase	1
Services Restored after fire	2
New primary distribution lines	
constructed - overhead	1005 ft.
Primary distribution lines rebuilt for	
increased capacity	7520 ft.

Of the above construction, all three-phase distribution lines were constructed of Spacer Cable for maximum strength and reliability.

Our new 5000 KVA enclosed, metal-clad substation, off Boston Street, was energized on May 30 and now serves Feeder #201, Boston Street, to U.S.M. Chemical and River Street west end, and Feeder #202, Brigadoon, South Main Street, Log Bridge Road, and River Street east end.

Our wholesale supplier, New England Power Co., filed new wholesale rate R7 with Federal Power Commission with a requested effective date of August 1, 1973. The Federal Power Commission granted our request for a 5-month's

suspension of the rate increase, which now becomes effective January 1, 1974. This and our other increased costs will reflect an increase in our retail rates of approximately 10% effective January 1, 1974. This is our first rate increase since May 1, 1972. Rate studies to be carried out in the first quarter may result in a further rate adjustment approximately April 1, 1974. Fuel Clause charges imposed by our Wholesaler have also reflected rate additions in 1973 and appear to be a serious factor also in 1974.

The Town's street light system has a total of 572 street lights. Savings in cost of street lighting service to the Town reflect approximately \$20,300.00 under cost of equivalent service to other nearby towns not served by a municipally owned system.

Our new Hi Pressure Sodium Vapor Lighting in Middleton Square has achieved considerably more effective lighting in this area. We acknowledge with thanks the co-operation of GTE Sylvania, Inc. in developing this lighting.

This department is cooperating with other member departments of the Municipal Electric Association and Northeast Public Power Association, through their Washington attorneys, in hearings before the Federal Power Commission to hold to a minimum our costs of wholesale power.

During the year 1973, the Department had no Northeastern Co-operative Students employed, but the Department did participate in the Summer Youth Program by employing one Masconomet Junior during the summer months and was also able to assist in placing three other Juniors with other local industries.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Town officials and all other Town Departments for the helpful cooperation during the past year.

John T. Dowling
Robert W. Fox
John W. Kinsvater

PARK DEPARTMENT

The Park Department is responsible for the management of all Town parks and public lands, except school property and the department maintains lawns, trees and shrubs for the schools. The Board of Selectmen act as Park Commissioners.

During the year 1973, the Park Department was plagued by vandalism. Park benches were stolen or broken — beer cans and bottles strewn all over — broken bottles were distributed in the play area. A great deal of Park Department equipment was destroyed.

At John Hoctor Park, the ball-playing area is badly cut up from cars driving around in circles.

At Fuller Meadow School, equipment and trees were broken in the play area.

Such wanton destruction is discouraging, and it is very costly to the taxpayer.

Ernest R. Gould

TREE DEPARTMENT

The Tree Department is managed by the Tree Warden and it is responsible for the maintenance of all trees shading the public ways. This department also responds to emergency tree removal for citizens of the Town.

During 1973 there were no insect outbreaks, which was very fortunate for the Tree Department.

The Japanese beetle is still a problem, but it is being controlled. The Dutch Elm disease has taken its toll, with (12) twelve trees sampled and identified as positive. Those that are dangerous are being taken down and the wood can be burned as fuel, as long as it is cleaned up by May 1, 1974.

I want to thank the other Departments that have cooperated with me during the year.

Ernest R. Gould

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water & Sewer Board of the Town is managed by a Commission of three members elected at Town Meeting for three-year overlapping terms. They are responsible for the maintenance of all water systems in the Town and for the further development of water systems. In 1973 they became the potential custodian of the Town's first sewer system when at the Town Meeting the Town voted approval of the Ferncroft sewer article. This system does not yet exist so the Water & Sewer Board has only half a job to do.

Once again, we would like to thank all the persons who cooperated and assisted this Commission. We would like to extend further thanks to the Danvers Water and Sewer Board; also, Newton Sweet and Gerald Orlando of the Department of Public Works.

The Board suffered the loss of its Chairman, Gerald Lane, who was taken by death.

We finished paying off one of our loans that amounted to \$1,500.00 a year. We now have one loan left to pay off.

We flushed our own hydrants twice this year which saved us between five and six hundred dollars.

Danvers also sent us \$14,273.50 for the extra 25% for capital improvements we negotiated in our last contract covering the period from January 1, 1972 to October 1, 1973.

We have added 661 feet of 12-inch water main to our present water system and two hydrants.

James Muise was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and Water Board to fill the vacancy left by the death of Gerry Lane.

We held our regular monthly meetings at Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of the month. All interested citizens are invited to attend these meetings.

James Vrees, Chairman
Richard Moreschi, Clerk
James A. Muise



Safety

BUILDING INSPECTION
FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
DOG OFFICER

INSPECTION

The office of Building Inspector has a wide range of Public Safety responsibilities. All new housing, business, and industrial construction must receive his attention before, during and after construction. The Inspector must see that all zoning requirements are met prior to start of work, that all occupant safety codes are complied with, and that violations of zoning, safety and building codes are corrected.

The Wire Inspector and the Plumbing & Gas Inspector provide additional capability in inspection.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

NO. OF PERMITS	PURPOSE	VALUATION	FEES
2	Manufacturing	110,000.00	110.00
2	Storage Buildings	9,300.00	25.00
5	Garages and Sheds	19,050.00	50.00
15	Dwellings	319,400.00	315.00
17	Additions	81,100.00	147.00
10	Reshingle Roof	6,350.00	36.00
3	Foundation	207,000.00	215.00
1	Porch	450.00	2.00
5	Demolition		32.00
7	Swimming Pools	14,200.00	54.00
2	Signs	4,745.00	20.00
3	Aluminum Siding	5,100.00	30.00
6	Alteration	8,150.00	32.00
1	Greenhouse	1,000.00	4.00
1	Sales Office	40,000.00	40.00
1	Site Preparation Site	50,000.00	50.00
1	Carport	850.00	4.00
1	Change Sign		2.00
1	Condominium Apartments	5,000,000.00	4750.00
1	Repair Fire Damage	7,000.00	15.00
85		5,883,695.00	5933.00

It has been a very prosperous year for the Town. We have a great deal of commercial and residential construction going on this year which should be beneficial to our tax rate in the future. The Town seems to be growing in the right way with the help of the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

Mr. William Martin is an Assistant Building Inspector, primarily for the Ferncroft Complex. He has had a very busy year and has put in a lot of extra time. The Town should realize that by being at Ferncroft he has saved the Town a great deal of money covering this job. Thank you, Mr. Martin.

I also want to express my appreciation to Mr. Charles Bowser who has been appointed Assistant Building Inspector for Zoning Enforcement. We have a number of new programs that are going to be initiated in the year 1974 which Mr. Bowser will be responsible for enacting. These programs will be beneficial to the citizens of the Town.

Joseph J. Campano, Jr.
Building Inspector

WIRE INSPECTOR

There were 115 permits issued amounting to \$343.00. There were 13 New Services, 17 Change-overs for larger services due to an increase in load, 11 Temporary Services, 10 3-Phase 4-Wire Services, 1 Temporary 3-Phase 4-Wire, 1 3-Phase 3-Wire. The remaining permits were for oil burners, air conditioners, swimming pools and additional wiring.

All wiring has been inspected up to date except 13 jobs which are in the process of construction. A total of over 800 miles covering these jobs and Ferncroft Village plus house calls to give information about electrical work.

I would like to express to the Townspeople that it is very important when having electrical work done to have it done by a licensed electrician. I have found many homes with the electrical system overloaded. It is for their safety that electrical work be inspected. It is a State Law that all pools have a G. F. I. on pumps. There are many pools that have never had a permit taken out so that the wiring could be inspected.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Electric Light Department, the Building Inspector and the people of Middleton for their cooperation.

John Milbery
Wire Inspector

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Permits issued	22
Fees collected	\$817.00
Inspections made to date	53
Expenses incurred to date	\$196.20
Mileage	1962

GAS INSPECTOR

Permits issued	20
Fees collected	\$118.00
Inspections made to date	26
Expenses incurred to date	\$100.60
Mileage	1006

William Fuller

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The first duty of the fire service is to prevent outbreaks of fire that may endanger not only public safety but also impose an economic burden upon the community. Fire fighting is the second fundamental duty as fires do occur despite fire prevention efforts. Fire fighting includes:

1. saving life
2. localizing fire damage
3. extinguishment with minimum loss

In actual practice, the prompt extinguishment of fire usually provides the most effective means of saving life and protecting exposures.

In addition to fire fighting operations, a large proportion of fire forces maintain trained first aid, emergency medical technicians, or rescue squad personnel and frequently provide ambulance service in their communities.

The Fire Department personnel consists of a permanent Chief, Lieutenant, and three firefighters.

The Call personnel consists of a Deputy Chief, Captain, three Lieutenants, twenty firefighters, and reserve personnel of three firefighters, for a total of 33 men. We have 10 vacancies in the Call Force at this time.

The roster of the Fire Department is as follows:

- Chief George W. Nash
- Deputy Chief James H. Ogden
- * Captain Richard Collins
- Lieut. William J. Hocter
- Lieut. Charles H. Ohlson
- Lieut. John M. Cryan
- * Lieut. Charles S. Clinch, III
- * Firefighter Frank Karayianes
- * Firefighter Henry Michalski
- Firefighter George C. Kimball
- Firefighter George E. Dow, Sr.
- * Firefighter Richard Floyd, Jr.
- Firefighter Richard Goodale, Sr.
- * Firefighter Richard Goodale, Jr.
- * Firefighter Francis J. Hocter
- Firefighter Andrew Karayianes
- Firefighter Edward Karayianes
- Firefighter Paul Kilroy
- Firefighter William Klosowski
- * Firefighter David T. Leary
- * Firefighter Edward J. Michalski
- * Firefighter William Mugford, Jr.
- Firefighter James A. Muise
- * Firefighter Richard F. Nash
- Firefighter Charles Newhall
- Firefighter Carl Ohlson
- Firefighter Karl Shuman
- * Firefighter Barry Stevens
- Firefighter Wilbur Witham

- Reserve Firefighters
- James Martin
- George B. Ogden
- Carl Peterson

* Registered Emergency Medical Technicians

The Fire Department answered 582 calls in 1973. This is the most calls answered by the Department in a given year, an increase of 173 calls over last year.

Box Alarms	104
Still Alarms	478
Total	582

Inspections and Permits granted:

Oil burners, explosives, tank trucks	45
Fire Prevention Inspections and Fire Drills	154
Inspections of buildings under construction	82
Permit to burn	6

Permit to burn (outside fires) were few, being only six, and these were granted with State approval.

In 1974, burning will be permitted for one month, from March 15 to April 15, 1974, and will require a permit from the Fire Department.

Routine inspections of Town buildings, schools, churches, mercantile, factory and gasoline service stations, etc. were made as required by law. Fire drills were conducted in all occupancies so required.

The fire alarm system is in good repair. As stated in last year's Town Report, we were unable to expand the system again this year, because the present central office equipment is now operating at capacity. Installation of new boxes is limited now, only to where present circuits exist. I shall ask the Town Meeting to take action to remedy this condition. This situation has been brought out in previous reports and to the Finance Committee for the past five years.

The fire detection system voted for Memorial Hall has been installed and is in service. The Flint Library and Town Hall are the only Town buildings now not so protected and should be done soon.

I am happy to report the Fire Prevention Code voted at the Town Meeting in March of 1973, was approved by the Attorney General and became effective July 17, 1973. The benefits of the Fire Prevention Code will be many fold to the Town, and indicates a progressive Town. The Code will have to be amended from time to time to insure that it is kept up to date.

I repeat the space requirements for the Department are critical and need attention at once. The need is great and continued delay makes for a poor operation. The need is for the following: space for apparatus, office, fire prevention, records, hose, fire alarm maintenance stock, apparatus repair, and training facilities. The Highway Department should be relocated to new quarters, with the Fire Department given the entire building. This would solve our growth problems for years to come.

The new base radio station voted at the March 1973 Town Meeting arrived in November and was put into service at once. The old base station gave us much trouble and was not replaced any too soon, but with the new station we can expect many years of trouble free service.

Education and training are a continuing effort by the department, with members attending classes in Officer Training, Firefighting, Fire Prevention, First Aid, High-Rise Buildings, Water Supply, Law, Arson Investigation, Sprinkler Systems and many others.

I feel special mention should be made of the efforts of 12 members of the department in obtaining their Emergency Medical Technicians Registration and Certification. The course was made necessary because of the new State Ambulance Law. The E.M.T. course is a very intensive program and was given at the Lynn Union and Hunt Memorial Hospitals. The course requires a total of 81 hours with 10 hours in the Emergency Room at the hospital. The men took the course on their own time, and I feel the Town is fortunate to have men in its service who feel so strongly about giving good medical aid.

The apparatus of the department is in good condition and repair. Engine 1 had two major break-downs this year, one being the pump, and one being the engine. These were repaired by emergency order of the Selectmen, and the pumper is now giving good service. This apparatus is a 1957 model and is to be replaced in 1977. The only other poor piece of rolling stock is the Chief's car, a 1968 model, and I shall ask for its replacement at Town Meeting.

The traffic problem in Middleton Square is very bad, and the possibility of an accident when apparatus is answer-

ing an alarm is very, very real. Traffic lights are needed to correct this problem.

Proper street numbering and the elimination of streets with the same names and identification of private ways is still a very pressing problem. I hope that it is not necessary to have a tragedy occur before the correct action is taken by boards so responsible.

We are still in need of additional permanent and call personnel to meet the Underwriters' recommendations, but more important to give the Town proper protection.

The appointment of additional call fighters is almost out of the question. Finding men who are free during the daytime hours is impossible. We have tried to find these men, but it has proved fruitless. This condition is common in all towns and cities.

I will bring to your attention, and the records will bear out my statement, that if it were not for the on duty permanent firefighters, I could not guarantee the response of apparatus during the daytime hours. Many times during the day the first additional help to arrive on the scene is an out-of-town department. The above conditions are the perilous and on-the-line facts. These conditions should not be passed over lightly.

We are now in our second year of manning the Police Department communications system. We handle this system nights, weekends, or whenever there is no one in the Police Headquarters, which has extended into the regular daytime hours to quite an extent. This duty, coupled with the manning of our own communications, fire alarm, and mutual aid systems, makes for one of the busiest operations in town.

I shall, starting with this report, make annual recommendations for the coming fiscal years.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL 1974-1975

Space for Fire Department by relocation of the Highway Department.

Addition of one permanent firefighter. A reduction in hours for permanent firefighters. Adequate training facilities and program.

Complete street numbering plan.

Eliminate streets with like names.

Name private ways.

Install traffic lights in Middleton Square with control at Fire Headquarters.

Extend water mains per Water Department Master Plan.

Step up fire prevention efforts and program.

Replace fire alarm central office equipment.

Replace 1968 Chief's car.

I know the above recommendations are many and cannot be completed in a short space of time, but they have to be faced and taken care of.

In July of 1973 the town lost through retirement the services of Chief Harold F. Purdy. Chief Purdy was the first permanent Chief of the Fire Department. His leadership and ability will be missed by us all. We can only wish him a very long and happy retirement.

To report an emergency use the fire alarm box, if one is available. If not, use a telephone and dial 774-2211, stay on the telephone until all information is given to Fire Headquarters. If you dial Operator, be sure you give her the name, street and number, and town. The operator you talk to is in Lynn or Boston.

For routine department business, dial 774-3226.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Department heads, and the citizens of the Town for their cooperation during the year.

To the officers and men of the department, who make up the team, and who never hesitate, your efforts are not going without notice. My sincere thanks!

Our motto, "Service to the Community."

George W. Nash, Chief



CHIEF GEORGE W. NASH



CHIEF EDWARD J. RICHARDSON

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Middleton Police Department is a multi-disciplined force. It provides protection service to the business community, security of person and possessions to the citizens, comfort to the stranger and its best efforts to all.

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Edward J. Richardson, Chief of Police
 Robert T. Peachey, Sergeant
 William Barrett, Patrolman
 Henry A. Bouchard, Patrolman
 Paul F. Armitage, Patrolman
 Paul J. Peters, Patrolman

RESERVE OFFICERS

Louis J. Fedullo
 Earl R. Peachey
 Robert W. Fox
 Robert Hurd

SAFETY OFFICER

Sergeant Robert T. Peachey

JUVENILE OFFICER

Patrolman Henry A. Bouchard

OFFENSES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Assault	1
Assault and Battery	5
Assault and Battery on a Police Officer	6
Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	3
Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon	1
Assault with Intent to Murder	1
Attaching Improper Registration Plates	2
Attempt to Commit a Crime	2
Breaking and Entering in the Night-Time	2
Breaking and Entering in the Day-Time	6
Concealing a Motor Vehicle with Intent to Defraud Insurance Co.	1
Cultivating Marihuana	2
Defective Equipment	5
Disorderly Person	11
Disturbing the Peace	1
Drunkenness	25
Escaped Persons	12
Failing to Drive in Marked Lanes	4
Failing to Keep to the Right of a Traveled Way	2
Failing to Stop for a Police Officer	1
Failing to use Care in Starting	2
Failing to use Care in Stopping	1
Forgery	2
Improper Display of Registration Plates	3
Insane Person	2
Intoxicated Person Taken into Protective Custody	29
Intoxicated Person Transported to a Detoxification Center	1
Intoxicated Person Transported to his Home	7
Larceny from a Building	2
Larceny over \$100.00	7
Larceny under \$100.00	6
Illegal Entry into The United States	1
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	2
Minor Transporting Alcoholic Beverage	2
Non-Support	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle so as to Endanger	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor	16
Operating a Motor Vehicle after Revocation of License	3
Operating a Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License	4
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License	14
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License in Possession	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Registration in Possession	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Current Inspection Sticker	1
Operating a Motorcycle Without Protective Head Gear	1
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle	11
Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle	10
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Authority	6
Possession of Short Lobsters	2
Possession of Marihuana	2
Possession of a Dangerous Weapon	2
Receiving Stolen Property	7
Refusing to Produce a Motor Vehicle Operator's License	2
Refusing to Produce a Motor Vehicle Registration Certificate	1
Refusing to Stop for a Police Officer	1
Speeding	8

Using a Motor Vehicle Without Authority	12
Uttering a Forged Instrument	2
Violation of Federal Probation	1
Wanted Persons	5
TOTAL	280

MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES FOR WHICH
COMPLAINTS WERE ISSUED (SUMMONS)

Abandonment of a Motor Vehicle	2
Allowing an Improper Person to Operate a Motor Vehicle	2
Attaching Improper Registration Plates	12
Defective Equipment	37
Displaying Expired Registration Tab	2
Failing to Drive in Marked Lanes	13
Failing to Slow at an Intersection	2
Failing to Stop for a Flashing Red Light	7
Failing to Stop for a Pedestrian	2
Failing to Stop for a Stop Sign	3
Failing to Stop for a Police Officer	2
Failing to Stop for a School Bus Discharging Passengers	1
Failing to Use Care in Starting, Stopping or Turning	6
Failing to Keep to the Right of the Traveled Part of the Way	6
Impeded Operation of a Motor Vehicle	2
Improper Display of Registration Plates	10
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	2
Operating a Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License	6
Operating a Motor Vehicle so as to Endanger	8
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License in Possession	9
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Registration in Possession	22
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License	16
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle	22
Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle	23
Passing Another Motor Vehicle With an Obstructed View	38
Passing Another Motor Vehicle on the Right	1
Periodic Inspection Sticker	18
Possession of an Altered Inspection Sticker	1
Possession of a Stolen Inspection Sticker	1
Speeding	234
Violation of Learner's Permit	3
TOTAL	513

OFFENSES ON FILE AND WARNINGS ISSUED

Attaching Improper Registration Plates	1
Defective or Improper Equipment	47
Discharging Firearms Without Land Owners Permission	17
Disposal of Rubbish on a Highway or Private Property	9
Dog Complaints	23
Excessive Smoke from a Motor Vehicle	7
Failing to Keep to the Right of a Traffic Island	1
Failing to Drive Within Marked Lanes	2
Failing to use Care in Starting, Stopping or Turning	3
Failing to Display Registration Plates	11
Hunting Without Permission of the Landowner	21
Impeded Operation of a Motor Vehicle	1
Improper Display of Registration Plates	13
Improper Display of Lights on a Motor Vehicle	5
Mini Bike Complaints	14
Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License in Possession	26

Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Registration in Possession	29
Passing Another Motor Vehicle with an Obstructed View	12
Periodic Inspection Sticker	14
Snowmobile Complaints	5
Speeding	173
Stop Sign or Flashing Red Light	13
Trespassing on Posted Property	127
TOTAL	574

MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance Cases	120
Automobile Accidents Investigated	144
Automobile Accidents Reported, not Investigated	66
Camp and House Checks Made by Police Department	461
Complaints Received and Investigated	1231
Cruiser Cases (Ill or Injured Transported to Hospital)	57
Dogs and Other Animals Shot by Police Department	11
Escaped Persons Returned to Danvers State Hospital	12
Man-Hours Spent in Superior and District Courts	691
Messages Delivered	138
Missing and Lost Persons Located	31
Sudden Deaths	3
Summons and Warrants Served	281
TOTAL	3246

Turned over to Town Treasurer for Police Reports	\$ 221.00
Turned over to Town Treasurer for Permits to Carry Firearms	\$ 40.00
Turned over to Town Treasurer for Firearms Identification Cards	108.00
Court Fines as the Result of Police Cases	10,075.53
Insurance Reimbursement for Damages to Cruiser	1,003.39
Stolen Property Recovered and Restitution	110,805.53
TOTAL	\$ 122,752.92

There were 41 residents who lost their driver's licenses as the result of improper motor vehicle operation.

Police attended all fire alarms when possible and assisted the Fire Department in investigating all false alarms of fire.

There were 63 stolen motor vehicles recovered, which resulted in 18 arrests of occupants.

As in the past, the Police Department has conducted many investigations not listed which have been settled satisfactorily to all parties concerned without making arrests or taking court action.

During the past year, two officers attended a basic police training academy. These academies are sponsored and approved by the Massachusetts Police Training Council. Attendance is mandatory, under State Statute, of all newly-appointed full-time police officers. Officer Paul J. Peters graduated on May 18, 1973 from the North Shore Police Academy. Officer Paul F. Armitage graduated on December 7, 1973 from the Massachusetts State Police Municipal Police Officers Academy. Both Officers received ten weeks

of instruction in all phases of police work. With the completion of this training by the above two officers, all full-time members of the Police Department have attended a police academy.

During the past year Sergeant Robert T. Peachey, Safety Officer of the department, visited the Howe-Manning and Fuller Meadow Schools. Officer William Barrett visited the Howe-Manning School and discussed the subject of Narcotics, their use and abuse, with the appropriate age groups. Both of the above officers held question and answer sessions with the pupils. Officer Henry A. Bouchard, Juvenile Officer of the department, worked with some youths of the Town who have been border-line court cases.

Five permanent members of the department are presently enrolled in college. Enrollment is voluntary and classes are attended during off-duty hours.

I would like to remind all residents that electric engravers are available from the Police Department free of charge. These engravers may be used to mark valuable items and possibly prevent their theft. Very few residents have taken advantage of this service which has proven successful in other communities.

I have requested the Board of Selectmen to insert an article in the warrant of the annual Town Meeting that would create a by-law to prohibit public drinking of alcoholic beverages. This by-law would prohibit the drinking of alcoholic beverages on public ways, parks, playgrounds or private land without the consent of the owner.

The present quarters of the Police Department are inadequate. I will request the Board of Selectmen to insert an article in the warrant of the annual Town Meeting which will establish a committee to find a solution to this problem. This has been done in the past, but the recommendations of the study committee have not been followed. Due to the amount of time required for an undertaking of this nature and looking towards the future, I feel that now is the time to conduct this study.

In closing I would like to express my thanks to the men of the department for their prompt response and efficiency of operation. A sincere thanks is extended to the Massachusetts State Police, Officials of the Town of Middleton and last, but not least, the residents of the Town for their co-operation and for any assistance given to this department.

Edward J. Richardson
Chief of Police

DOG OFFICER

The Dog Officer is appointed by the Board of Selectmen under the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 151 of the Mass. General Law. Each dog officer 'shall attend to all complaints or other matters pertaining to dogs' and he shall 'seek out, catch and confine all dogs within the Town which have not been licensed, collared or harnessed, and tagged as required' and 'prosecute a complaint against the owners and to kill or cause to be killed, delivered to a licensed institution, or sell each dog' not reclaimed and properly detained and confined.

Complaints received and investigated	201
Dogs restrained	4
Dogs placed in pound	49
Dogs returned to rightful owner	37
Poultry and animals killed by dogs	5
Report of dog bites	31
Stray dogs disposed of	20
Selectmen's hearings on dog complaints	0
Removed dogs killed on highways	23
Miscellaneous cases	215

In making this report I would like to point out that there were 273 delinquent dog owners. The owners were notified to license their dogs and did so without court appearances.

A total of 731 miles was traveled in investigation of the various dog complaints.

Middleton's rabies clinic was held; 81 dogs and cats were inoculated. A rabies clinic will be sponsored in Town in May, 1974.

I wish to notify all dog owners that their dog licenses are due on April 1, 1974. The penalty for being the owner and/or keeper of a dog 3 months old after March 31st, which has not been licensed, is \$15.00 each.

In closing I would like to extend my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department, the Town Clerk, and all dog owners, for their splendid spirit and co-operation shown during the year 1973.

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FIRST GROUP OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS



DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES OGDEN SR.



SGT. ROBERT T. PEACHEY



FIRST FERN CROFT CONDOMINIUM

Town Clerk

REPORTS OF TOWN MEETINGS
VITAL STATISTICS

TOWN CLERK REPORT — 1973

To the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

The Town Clerk is the official recorder of Town events and activities. His duties include: recording the proceedings of Town Meetings and Elections, notifying the Town Accountant and Assessors of appropriations which have been voted and furnishing certified copies of votes of the Town to Boards, Committees, or Town Officials as may require them. He records Vital Statistics (births, deaths and marriages) and issues certified copies of the same. He also issues Fish and Game Licenses and Dog Licenses in the Town.

During 1973: 40 births were recorded, 19 Female and 21 Male.

49 Marriage certificates were issued.

55 Marriages were recorded.

34 Deaths were recorded.

528 Dog Licenses were issued: 267 male dogs, 73 female dogs, 174 spayed female dogs, 14 kennels.

Fish and Game Licenses issued in 1973:

95 Resident Fishing

52 Resident Hunting

43 Resident Sporting

17 Minor Fishing

3 Resident Trapping

2 Minor Trapping

2 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing

1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting

2 Resident Citizen Sporting, over 70 years, free

3 Duplicate Licenses

2 Archery Deer Stamp

10 Business Certificates were filed

9 Certificate of Registration filed (Gas Stations)

22 Cemetery Deeds recorded

103 Financing Statements filed

The record of Registered Voters in Town is kept in the Town Clerk's Office. Persons desiring to become voters in the Town may contact the Town Clerk, 43 King Street, Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Telephone 774-4882.

The Town Meeting and Election Records and Vital Statistics Recorded in 1973 follow:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 13, 1973

The Warrant for this meeting having been duly posted and served, the meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Moderator John R. Wallen. The Return of Service was read by the Town Clerk.

A quorum being present, 247 voters, the following business was transacted:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

No Committees reported.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen-month period beginning January 1 1973, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment

thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 2 as read.

Voted: to adopt Article 2 as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to increase the Town's share of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan for employees governed by the Personnel Board from 50% to 75% and that this increase be effective as of January 1, 1973.

The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of this Article.

The Personnel Board made motion to adopt this Article. Motion seconded.

A voice vote was taken. Article 3 was defeated.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Personnel Board to see if the Town will vote to amend the town By-laws, Personnel Plan as follows:

1. By deleting in Title IV, Section 4.02, Paragraph 2 the number "40" and substituting the number "50". Said paragraph then to read: "The overtime rate of pay for the Fire Department, uniformed permanent members, shall be calculated on the basis of a 50-hour week."

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 4 be adopted as read.

Voted: to adopt Article by more than a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 5. On petition of the Personnel Board, to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws Personnel Plan as follows:

By deleting Title VII, Section 7.08 as it now reads, and substituting the following:

Position or Title	Salary approved by Board for 1973	Salary recommended thru 6-30-1974
NON-CLASSIFIED		
Moderator	50.00	25.00
Selectmen	1,000.00	500.00
Treasurer	4,000.00	2,000.00
Tax Collector	4,000.00	2,000.00
Assessors	1,000.00	500.00
Town Clerk	1,000.00	500.00
Constable	50.00	25.00
Tree Warden	100.00	50.00
Cemetery Commissioners	50.00	25.00
Water Commissioners	150.00	75.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Surveyor	10,150.00	\$,075.00
Laborer (perm)	3.53	3.53
Laborer (P.T.)	2.48	2.48
Laborer (temp)	2.21	2.21

PARK, FORESTRY, CEMETERY DEPTS.

Foreman (working)	3.80	3.80
Laborer (perm)	3.53	3.53
Laborer (P.T.)	2.48	2.48
Laborer (temp)	2.21	2.21
Tree Climber	3.43	3.43
Supt. of Burials	50.00	50.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief	13,131.00	7,153.00
Deputy Chief	10,034.00	5,152.00
Lieutenant	9,060.00	4,864.50
Firefighter (P)	8,754.00	4,768.50
Captain (C)	300.00 yr. 3.25 hr.	150.00 3.25 hr.
Lieutenant (C)	100.00 yr. 3.25 hr.	50.00 3.25
Firefighter (C)	75.00 yr. 3.25 hr.	37.50 3.25
Drillmaster (C)	25.00	12.50
Dept. Machinist (C)	50.00	25.00

CLERICAL

Clerk-Treasurer	2.32	2.32
Clerk-Assessors	2.53	2.53
Clerk-Tax Collector	2.64	2.64
Clerk-Inspectors (new pos.)	2.53	2.53
Clerk-Accountant (new pos.)	2.32	2.32

ADMINISTRATIVE

Town Accountant	4,000.00	2,000.00
Secretary-Clerk	5,892.00	2,946.00

INSPECTION

Health Agent	2,000.00	1,000.00
Building Inspector	2,000.00	1,000.00
Gas Inspector	400.00	200.00
Plumbing Inspector	600.00	300.00
Wire Inspector	1,000.00	500.00
Inspector of Animals	450.00	225.00
Dog Officer	600.00	300.00

LIBRARY

Head Librarian	3,500.00	1,750.00
1st Asst. Librarian	2.90	2.90
2nd Asst. Librarian	2.64	2.64
3rd Asst. Librarian	2.32	2.32
Clerk-Typist	2.18	2.18
Page	1.58	1.58

MISCELLANEOUS

Custodian Town Hall	800.00	400.00
Custodian Memorial Hall	1,200.00	600.00
Custodian Library	1,200.00	600.00
Veteran's Agent	1,000.00	500.00
Town Counsel	4,000.00	2,000.00
Clerk, Registrars of Voters	100.00	50.00
Registrars of Voters	50.00	50.00
Secretary, Planning Board	17.50 mtg.	17.50
Secretary, Personnel Board	17.50 mtg.	17.50
Secretary, Water Comm.	17.50 mtg.	17.50
Secretary, Board of Appeals	30.00 mo.	30.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief	14,306.00	7,153.00
Sergeant	10,034.00	5,152.00
Patrolman	9,537.00	4,768.50
Patrolman (Special)	3.50 hr.	3.50
Safety Officer (New position)	50.00	25.00
Narcotics Officer (New pos.)	50.00	25.00
Juvenile Officer (New pos.)	50.00	25.00

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 5 be amended as follows:

Fire Chief to read 1973 - 11,510.00 1974 - 6,071.00
Police Chief to read 1973 - 11,536.00 1974 - 6,071.00

Leon J. LeBlanc made motion that the amounts recommended by the Personnel Board be adopted.

A voice vote was taken — the chair in doubt, a hand vote was taken on the LeBlanc motion:

In favor	110 votes
Opposed	84 votes

Article 5 as recommended by the Personnel Board was voted on by showing of hands:

In favor	141 votes
Opposed	60 votes

Article 5 was adopted as read and recommended by the Personnel Board.

ARTICLE 6. To fix the compensation of elected officers; to determine whether any Town Board shall be authorized to employ for additional salary or compensation any of its members; provide for a reserve fund; and to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest for the ensuing eighteen months.

APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	Salary	75.00
Finance Committee	Expenses	150.00
Selectmen	Salaries	4,500.00
	Expenses	6,000.00
Administrative Assistant		8,580.00
Accountant	Salary	6,000.00
	Clerical	750.00
	Expenses	571.00
Treasurer	Salary	6,000.00
	Clerical	1,500.00
	Expenses	2,975.00
	Computer Charges	1,850.00
	Tax Titles	3,400.00
Collector of Taxes		
Salary		6,000.00
Clerk		3,353.00
Expenses		2,703.50
Computer Charges		357.00

Assessors		
Salaries	4,500.00	
Clerk	2,925.00	
Expenses	3,115.00	
Wages Assessment Only	2,850.00	
Town Counsel		
Salary	6,000.00	
Expenses	2,250.00	
Town Clerk		
Salary	1,500.00	
Expenses	860.00	
Elections & Registrations		
Salaries	550.00	
Expenses	1,151.00	
Wages	1,750.00	
Planning Board		
Clerical	525.00	
Advertising	300.00	
Consultant	600.00	
Expenses	675.00	
Town Hall		
Salary	1,200.00	
Operating Expenses	2,400.00	
Memorial Hall		
Salary	1,800.00	
Operating Expenses	5,300.00	
Personnel Board		
Clerk	600.00	
Expenses	150.00	
	Total General Government	\$95,765.50

PUBLIC SAFETY

Constable		
Salary	75.00	
Police Department		
Chief Salary	21,459.00	
Wages	97,814.00	
(\$40,000.00 from Anticipated Revenue Sharing)		
Overtime	2,700.00	
Expenses	18,795.00	
(From Revenue Sharing)		
Fire Department		
Chief Salary	20,283.25	
Salaries	4,387.50	
Wages	85,225.50	
(\$40,000.00 from Anticipated Revenue Sharing)		
Overtime	9,753.00	
Expenses	(Fed. Rev. Shar.) 16,765.00	
Expenses (Special)	(Fed. Rev. Shar.) 1,275.00	
Building Inspector		
Salary	3,000.00	
Expenses	1,200.00	
Board of Appeals		
Expenses	225.00	
Clerk	540.00	
Advertising	900.00	
Wire Inspector		
Salary	1,500.00	
Expenses	150.00	
Civil Defense		
Expenses	150.00	

Gas Inspector		
Salary	600.00	
Expenses	150.00	
Plumbing Inspector		
Salary	900.00	
Expenses	225.00	
Forestry Dept.		
Expenses	3,200.00	
Insect & Pest Control & Dutch Elm	\$,800.00	
New Trees	600.00	
Salary — Tree Warden	150.00	
Dog Officer		
Salary	900.00	
Expenses	1,200.00	
	Total Public Safety	299,922.25

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health		
Salaries	3,000.00	
Expenses (\$15,000 Fed. Rev. Shar.)	28,467.00	
Supplies (Land Fill) (\$7,300 Fed. Rev. Sh.)	12,000.00	
Community Health (Fed. Rev. Shar.)	9,000.00	
Mental Health	2,943.00	
Expenses — Solid Land Comm.	2,220.00	
Inspector of Animals		
Salary	600.00	
Expenses	150.00	
	Total Health & Sanitation	\$8,380.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Machinery Account		12,000.00
(From Road Machinery Fund)		
Highway Surveyor Salary		15,225.00
(From Available Dept. Fund)		
Highway Expenses		45,535.00
Chapter 81		14,025.00
*Chapter 81, State		14,025.00
Chapter 90, Construction		4,750.00
*Chapter 90, County & State		14,250.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance		5,000.00
Labor, Regular		11,500.00
Labor, Overtime		12,000.00
Equipment — Town		6,000.00
Equipment — Hire		11,000.00
Sand		11,100.00
Salt		13,200.00
Snow Plow Blades & Parts		5,000.00
Storm Drains		4,500.00
	Total Highway Dept.	143,610.00

* Amounts to be taken from Surplus Revenue, and returned to Surplus Revenue when reimbursement received from State & County.

VETERAN'S SERVICES

Veteran's Agent		
Salary	1,500.00	
Expenses	900.00	
Veteran's Aid	13,500.00	
	Total Veteran's Services	15,900.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Elementary Schools	
Salaries	766,417.00
Expenses	182,858.00
Supt. out of State Trav.	500.00
Insurance	8,962.00
Vocational Education	9,000.00
Masconomet Regional School District	1,102,685.56
Vocational Regional School District	3,999.00
Total School Dept.	2,074,421.56
Library Department	
Salaries	27,500.00
Expenses	16,894.70
Expenses (State Aid to Libraries)	2,274.75
Expenses (Dog Tax Refund)	1,452.55
Total Library Dept.	48,122.00
Recreation Department	
Park Labor	2,800.00
Expenses	1,400.00
East Street Pool	400.00
New Equipment	750.00
Wages Beach Life Guard	1,500.00
Town Picnic	1,000.00
Skating	800.00
Transportation	750.00
Total Recreation Dept.	9,400.00
Cemetery Department	
Commissioners Salaries	225.00
Supt. of Burials	75.00
Labor	13,220.00
Expenses	4,450.00
Opening Graves	3,750.00
Hot Top	500.00
Total Cemetery Dept.	22,220.00
Unclassified	
Retirement Assessment	68,483.69
Printing Town Reports	6,400.00
Sick Leave	4,500.00
Memorial Day	1,600.00
Insurance	36,308.88
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	29,000.00
Christmas Lighting	90.00
Street Lighting	11,000.00
Reserve Fund	10,000.00*
Conservation Commission	450.00
State & Municipal Retirement	2,968.87
Total Unclassified	170,801.44

* Voted to be taken from Overlay Reserve

Maturing Debt & Interest

School Addition Loan 1966	10,000.00
Fuller Meadow School 1964	20,000.00
Interest	25,000.00
Total Maturing Debt & Interest	55,000.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Water Department	
Salaries	450.00
Expenses	850.00
Maintenance	6,900.00
Debt Repayment	6,100.00
Total Water Dept.	14,300.00*

* Voted to be taken from earnings of Water Dept.

Electric Light Department

Depreciation	84,559.00
Production	1,428,000.00
Maintenance-Operation	314,303.00
Total Electric Dept.	1,826,862.00*

* Voted to be taken from earnings of Electric Light Dept.

Total General Budget Appropriations

Annual Town Meeting, March 13, 1973 \$4,834,704.75

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted to raise and appropriate the amounts shown in the above schedule.

Under Article 6.

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted that the following amounts be taken from Federal Revenue Sharing:

Police Dept. Wages	\$ 40,000.00
Police Dept. Expenses	18,795.00
Fire Dept. Wages	40,000.00
Fire Dept. Expense	16,765.00
Fire Dept. Expense (Special)	1,275.00
Board of Health Expense	15,000.00
Board of Health Supplies (Land Fill)	7,300.00
Community Health	9,000.00

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted that the following transfers be made under Article 6:

Road Machinery Fund	
to Road Machinery Account	12,000.00
Available Highway Funds	
to Highway Surveyor Salary	15,225.00
Surplus Revenue to Highways	
(To be returned to Surplus Revenue when reimbursed by State and County.)	28,275.00
Dog Tax Refund to Library Expenses	1,452.55
State Aid	
to Libraries to Library Expense	2,274.75
Overlay Reserve to Reserve Fund	10,000.00
Water Dept. Earnings	
to Water Dept. Expense	14,300.00

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$25,000.00 from the 1972 earnings of the Electric Light Department, said sum to be used for the reduction of taxes.

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted to adopt Article 7 as read.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Electric Light Commissioners to see if the Town will vote to authorize the appropriation of all the income of the Municipal Light Department to said Department; the whole to be expended by the Manager thereof under the direction and control of the Commissioners for the expenses of the Department for the fiscal year as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and the excess is to be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Department for use as the Commissioners may direct.

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted to adopt Article 8 as read.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$5,700.00 to be expended for the purchase of a new 1973 International Truck Cab and Chassis or equivalent, in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that the words "or equivalent" be deleted and that \$5,700.00 be taken from the Stabilization Fund to be expended for the purchase of a new 1973 International Truck Cab and Chassis, in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Highway Surveyor to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$3,600.00 for the purchase of a new 1973 Automatic Sander in accordance with specifications set forth by the Highway Surveyor and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 10 with the funds to be taken from the Stabilization Fund.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Park Commissioners to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$4,100.00 to be expended for the purchase of a new truck in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Cemetery Commissioners; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 11 with the funds to be taken from the Stabilization Fund.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 12. On petition of the Police Chief to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$2,900.00, which together with the exchange value of the present 1972 Ford Custom four-door sedan which the selectmen shall trade in to be used to purchase a new Police Cruiser in accordance with specifications to be set forth by the Board of Selectmen and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by monies from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article and that the funds be taken from the Stabilization Fund.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than \$15,000.00 to be expended for the purchase of an ambulance to be used by the Fire Department and Police Department in accor-

dance with specifications to be set forth by the Board of Selectmen; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, from the Stabilization Fund, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 13 and that the funds be taken from the Stabilization Fund for this purpose.

So voted. Two dissented.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 to purchase a new radio base station, with necessary equipment, for the Fire Department, or take any other action thereto, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 14 and that the \$1,800.00 be taken from the Stabilization Fund for this purpose.

So voted. One dissent.

ARTICLE 15. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to replace and repair the roof of Memorial Hall, a Town building, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article and that the funds be taken from Federal Revenue Sharing.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 16. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,700.00 to renovate the Town Hall to provide a Community Center, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

A motion was made by Leon J. LeBlanc for the Board of Selectmen, that this Article be adopted as read and that the funds be provided by taxation.

So voted.

ARTICLE 17. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for an initial study to place the Town Accounts Payable under computer control, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer of available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that this Article be adopted as read and that \$1,400.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue for that purpose.

So voted.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to establish a drug education and prevention program: said fund to be administered by the Board of Health; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by monies from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of this Article.

A motion was made by James R. Stewart that Article 18 be amended to read:

ARTICLE 18. As amended. To see if the Town of Middleton will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be used for prevention, education and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds or monies from Federal Revenue Sharing or any combination thereof. Such funds to be administered by the Board of Health and to be used solely for Middleton residents.

The motion was seconded, and the Town voted to adopt Article 18 as amended and that \$3,000.00 be appropriated from taxation for this purpose.

ARTICLE 19. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be held as a separate account, said sum to be expended by the Council on Aging for programs for the elderly in accordance with provisions of Chapter 40, Section SB of the General Laws of the Commonwealth; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or by monies from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of Article 19 and that \$2,000.00 be taken from Federal Revenue Sharing for this purpose.

So voted.

ARTICLE 20. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 to pay the medical expenses under Workmen's Compensation for an employee of the Town and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 20 be adopted and that \$1,200.00 be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

So voted.

ARTICLE 21. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,813.58 for unpaid bills of the previous year as follows:

Public Safety — Police Department		
44.	Wages	\$91.83
Building Inspector		
53.	Expenses	\$95.45
School Department — Elementary		
92.	Salaries	\$ 550.00
93.	Expenses	\$1076.30

and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

Leon J. LeBlanc made motion that Article 21 be adopted as read and that funds be provided by taxation for this purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote. Four-fifths vote required.

A motion was made by Leon J. LeBlanc to adjourn this meeting until next Tuesday, March 20, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. at Howe-Manning School. Motion seconded and so voted.

William T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

The following notice was posted by the Town Clerk at Memorial Hall, Post Office, and Store at Howe's Station, on March 14, 1973:

NOTICE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote:

The Annual Town Meeting called on March 13, 1973 has been adjourned, by a majority vote of those present, until Tuesday, March 20, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. at Howe-Manning School Auditorium to act on the remaining Articles of the Warrant posted for the said Meeting.

William T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk of Middleton
March 14, 1973.

Annual Town Meeting of March 13, 1973 adjourned to March 20, 1973

The Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Moderator John R. Wallen. A quorum not being present, the Moderator declared a recess until 8:20 p.m. 195 voters were present when meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m. (171 voters are required for a quorum.)

The remaining Articles of the Warrant and the action taken thereon follows:

ARTICLE 22. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to be used for expenses by the Charter Commission as set forth in Chapter 43B; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 22 be adopted as read and that the funds be raised by taxation.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 23. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Commission; such commission to consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted by unanimous vote to adopt Article 23 as read.

ARTICLE 24. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to add one permanent employ-

ee, who will work in the Park, Cemetery and Forestry Departments, and to appropriate the sum of \$9,178.00 to pay the salary of this employee for an 18-month period.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

A motion was made by Leon J. LeBlanc to amend Article 24 to reduce the amount from \$9,178.00 to \$7,342.40 for the 18-month period. Motion seconded and so voted. Article 24, as amended was adopted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 25. On petition of the Police Station Building Committee, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used by the Committee to supplement existing funds for the construction and equipping of a Police Station, and to see if such funds will be provided from surplus revenue, from available funds, by borrowing, by bonding in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend this Article.

Article 25 was defeated.

ARTICLE 26. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate \$6,874.33 to repay a loan negotiated on December 20, 1972, in anticipation of bonding for the Police Station authorized by Article 8 of the Special Town Meeting of November 30, 1971, and to see if such funds will be provided by borrowing, from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 26 be adopted as read and that the amount of \$6,874.33 be raised by taxation.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 27. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to be used by the Selectmen to supplement existing funds to provide for an Electronic Burglar and Fire Alarm Service in Memorial Hall; and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article and that the funds be taken from Federal Revenue Sharing.

So voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 28. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used for new radios, firearms, and other equipment for the Police Department, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article and that the funds be taken from Federal Revenue Sharing.

The Town so voted.

ARTICLE 29. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the fees for inspection by the Inspector of Wires; such fees were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Middleton on February 6, 1962, and now to be amended as follows:

Blanket permits issued for commercial and industrial, yearly	\$10.00
New Homes or apartments	10.00
Residential, fixtures, heat, power or appliances	3.00
Commercial and/or Industrial electric service	10.00
New electric service	3.00
Temporary Electric Service	3.00
Each additional electric meter	1.00
Electric Sign	2.00
New gasoline pump	5.00
Replace gasoline pump	2.00
Swimming Pool	5.00
Aluminum Siding	5.00

The Finance Committee recommended and the Town voted to adopt Article 29 as read.
Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 30. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by deleting in Part One, Section I, Sub-Section (1), in the first sentence, the last word, "March" and inserting in its place the word, "May."

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article as read.

Article 30 was adopted as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 31. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 for a calculator for the Town Accountant, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that Article 31 be adopted as read and that \$550.00 be taken from Federal Revenue Sharing for that purpose.

So voted by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 32. On petition of the Planning board to see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting in the first paragraph of Section VI, G-2 — Promotion of Harmonious Development after the words, "Institutional District" the following words, "or 'IH' Interstate Highway Business District."

The Planning Board recommended that this Article be adopted as read.

Motion seconded.

Article 32 adopted as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 33. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Laws by inserting in the first paragraph of Section VI — Site Plans, after

the words "Institutional District," the following words: "of 'IH' Interstate Highway Business District."

The Planning Board recommended that this Article be adopted as read.

Motion seconded by Dennis E. Currier.

Article 33 adopted as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 34. On petition of the Planning Board to see if the Town will amend the Zoning By-Laws by striking out Section VII — Earth Removal — which presently reads:

"The Board of Appeals under the procedures stated in Section X below may authorize the removal of sod, loam, sand, gravel or other earth products from a lot where such removal is not permitted as an accessory use. In such cases, the Board shall impose conditions relative to the hours of operation and routes for transporting the material through the Town, and impose requirements for regrading and planting the area to suitable cover when operations are completed. Said Board shall require a bond or other security for compliance with the terms of its authorization."

and inserting the following:

Section VII B — Earth Removal

No sod, loam, clay, sand, gravel, quarried stone or other earth material which forms a part of the real estate of the Town of Middleton shall be carried, conveyed or moved outside the boundaries of the Town of Middleton for any purpose whatsoever, except for new building construction, at which time the Board of Appeals may grant a Special Permit for Removal of clay, sand, gravel or quarried stone from the Town of Middleton.

The Planning Board recommended that this Article be laid on table.

Voted to table Article 34 by more than a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 35. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53C, of the Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.) which reads as follows:

"In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section, all monies received by it in payment for off-duty work details of members of its police department shall be deposited in the treasury, shall be kept in a separate fund by the treasurer apart from any other of its money, funds, or other property, and shall be expended without further appropriation at the direction of the Chief of Police or other officer having similar duties for the purpose of paying its police officers for such off-duty work details, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 53."

and to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to establish the revolving account and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer of available funds or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of this Article.

Selectman Leon J. LeBlanc made motion that Article 35 be accepted as read and that \$500.00 be appropriated for this purpose. Motion seconded.

Article 35 was defeated by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 36. On petition of the Water and Sewer Commission to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,634.97 for the purpose of installing six-inch water lines on Mt. Vernon Street, Washington Street and Lakeview Avenue, according to specifications of the Water and Sewer Commissioners, and to see if such funds will be provided by transferring \$4,634.97 from the South Main Street Extension Account, and by transfer of \$10,000.00 from available funds.

The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of this Article.

A motion was made and seconded and the Town voted to postpone Article 36 indefinitely.

ARTICLE 37. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to raze and make safe the fire-destroyed building owned by the Town of Middleton, situated on Lots 1003 through 1006 on Arrow Street, Middleton, and to see if such funds will be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or by any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee did not recommend the adoption of this Article.

Mr. Leon J. LeBlanc made a motion that the Town adopt Article 37 and to reduce the amount to \$500.00, this sum to be raised by taxation.

A vote was taken by the showing of hands:

In favor	35 votes
Opposed	56 votes

Article 37 was defeated.

ARTICLE 38. On petition of the Board of Selectmen to see if the Town will vote to declare that an industrial development financing authority is needed in the Town and that unemployment or the threat thereof exists in the Town, or security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity is required in the Town, and that unemployment or the threat thereof can be alleviated or the security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity can be provided, by attracting new industry to the Town or substantially expanding industry existing in the Town through an industrial development project or projects financed under Chapter 40D of the General Laws. In determining the need for such an authority, the Town shall take into consideration its ability to adjust to any expected increase in the demand for Town facilities and services as a result of the expected increase in employment and business activity from such industrial development.

A motion was made and seconded and the Town voted to postpone Article 38 indefinitely.

Under Article 39. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to adopt Article 39 as read.

Deputy Fire Chief George W. Nash made a motion to amend Section 7. Sentence 3. to read:

(3) Each floor to have its own control valve, located in a Fire Resistive Stairwell, and provided with electrical

supervision of the valve, also an electrical water flow alarm device, connected to the main control panel.

This amendment was seconded and adopted.

ARTICLE 39, as Amended. On petition of the Fire Chief, to see if the Town will vote to adopt for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire and explosion, that certain code known as the Fire Prevention Code recommended by the American Insurance Association, being particularly the 1970 edition thereof and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended herein, of which code not less than (2) two copies shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk after the adoption of said code, and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this By-Law shall take effect, the provisions hereof shall be controlled within the limits of the Town of Middleton.

Section 1. The Fire Prevention Code shall be enforced by the Chief of the Fire Department, in the Town of Middleton.

Section 2. The Fire Chief may detail such members of the Fire Department as Inspectors, as shall from time to time be necessary.

Section 3. Definitions.

(A) Wherever the word "Municipality" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Town of Middleton.

(B) Wherever the word, or term, "Corporation Counsel" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Town Counsel for the Town of Middleton.

Section 4. Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of Explosives and Blasting Agents is to be prohibited.

(A) The limits referred to in Section 12.5B of the Fire Prevention Code, in which the storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby established as follows: Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.

Section 5. Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of Flammable Liquids in outside aboveground tanks is to be prohibited.

(A) The limits referred to in Section 16.22A of the Fire Prevention Code in which the storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, are hereby established as follows: Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.

Section 6. Establishment of limits in which Bulk Storage of Liquified Petroleum Gases is to be restricted.

(A) The limits referred to in Section 21.6A of the Fire Prevention Code, in which bulk storage of liquified petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby described as follows: Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.

Section 7. To add to section 14.4 Automatic Sprinkler Systems.

(1) Any building that has more than five (5) floors that are used for any purpose, whether it be for habitation, office or storage use, shall be completely protected by a sprinkler system.

(2) The sprinkler system shall be installed in accordance with National Fire Protection standards No. 13 and 13A.

(3) Each floor to have its own control valve, located in a Fire Resistive Stairwell, and provided with electrical supervision of the valve, also an electrical water flow alarm device, connected into the main control panel.

(4) An indicator panel with local supervision would be located at the building entrance, easily accessible to firefighters, to designate by signal the floor on which the sprinkler is operating.

(5) At the same indicator panel there would be a provision for takeover of control on one elevator by firefighters.

(6) Because of the elevation of the building a pressure tank, or pump, (if a pump, it must have auxiliary power) shall be installed in accordance with NFPA requirements.

(7) A wet standpipe system must also be installed in each stairwell in accordance with NFPA requirements. Also at each floor level there shall be a gated 2½" outlet, equipped with an adaptor from 2½" to 1½" National Standard Threads (Male).

(8) Outside Fire Department standpipe connections for the sprinkler must be in accordance with NFPA requirements.

(9) All stairwells must be provided with awning type windows, or windows that can be easily opened by the Fire Department at each floor, so that smoke may be relieved readily from the stairwell.

(10) A master fire alarm box shall be installed at the front entrance of each building.

(11) This box will automatically monitor the sprinkler system, fire detection system and any other alarm actuating devices, and transmit an alarm to the Fire Department.

(12) Suitable fire gongs shall be installed on each floor so as to notify the tenants if a fire is in progress, and there shall be pull stations on each floor.

(13) All the above mentioned requirements shall meet the approval of the Middleton Fire Chief.

Section 8. Modifications.

The Chief of the Fire Department shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code upon application, in writing, by the owner or lessee, or his duly authorized agent, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the Code, provided that the spirit of the Code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such modifications when granted, or allowed, and the decision of the Fire Chief thereon shall be entered upon the records of the Fire Department and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.

Section 9. Appeals.

Whenever the Chief of the Fire Department shall disapprove an application, or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the Code have been misconstrued, or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Chief of the Fire Department to the Board of Selectmen within fifteen days from the date of the decision appealed.

Section 10. New Materials, Processes, or Occupancies which require Permits.

The Board of Selectmen and the Chief of the Fire Department shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, such notice to be given publication for one week in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Middleton, any new materials, processes, or occupancies, which shall require permits, in addition to those enumerated in said Code. The Chief of the Fire Department shall post such list in a conspicuous place in his office, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons upon request.

Section 11. Penalties.

(A) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the Code hereby adopted or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such order as affirmed or modified by the Board of Selectmen, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$20.00 for each offense. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

Section 12. Validity.

The Board of Selectmen hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this By-Law, or of the Code herein adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Middleton Board of Selectmen that it would have passed all other portions of this By-Law independent of the elimination herefrom of any portion as may be declared invalid.

As sponsored by the Chief of the Fire Department.

Article 39, as amended, was adopted by unanimous vote.

A motion was made and seconded and the Town voted to adjourn the meeting.

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION March 19, 1973

At seven o'clock a.m. the polls were declared open until seven o'clock p.m. when they were declared closed, at the Fuller Meadow School.

The following election workers reported at 6:45 a.m. and were sworn in by the Town Clerk:

Mary C. Hocter	Bernice Sherwood
Blanche Paul	Esther McColley
Ann Woodbury	Marie Winquist
Virginia Cryan	

Reported at 6:45 p.m. and were sworn in by the Town Clerk:

Edith Farnham	Violet Fontaine
Lorayne Hocter	Dorothy Ferriera
Doris Makkers	Anne L. Goodale
Elizabeth Peachey	Nora Woodbury
Sandra Pollock	Beverly Woodbury
Elsie Thurston	Alice Milbery

The total number of votes cast as indicated by the ballot box was 10,60. This number agreed with the number of voters checked by the ballot clerks as having voted. The ballots were sorted, counted and tallied and declaration thereof made in open meeting by the Town Clerk as follows:

Moderator		
John R. Wallen	860*	
Blanks	240	
Selectman, 3 years		
Thomas F. Dolan	484	
Eugene J. LeBlanc	562*	
Blanks	14	
Assessor, 3 years		
Richard O. Ajootian	555*	
Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.	490	
Blanks	15	
School Committee, 3 years		Vote two
Thomas M. Mullen	731*	
Henry F. Mooney	667*	
Blanks	722	
Regional School Committee, 3 years		
Francis J. Leary, Jr.	629*	
Alan F. Spottiswoode	397	
Blanks	34	
Electric Light Commissioner, 3 years		
John W. Kinsvater	885*	
Blanks	175	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years		
Michael Lavorgna	888*	
Blanks	172	
Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year		
William R. Mugford, Jr.	842*	
Blanks	218	
Tree Warden		
Ernest R. Gould	916*	
Blanks	144	

Planning Board, 5 years	
Louis W. Fioretti	215
Elroy E. Halfrey, Jr.	172
Thomas E. Hamilton	542*
Blanks	131
Trustees of Flint Public Library, 3 years	Vote two
Elmer O. Campbell, Jr.	751*
Edward L. Broff, Jr.	191
Ruth L. Martin	727*
Blanks	451
Water & Sewer Commissioner, 3 years	
James Vrees	816*
Blanks	244
Charter Commission	Vote for nine
William Barrett	583*
R. Lionel Barrows	627*
John P. Caulfield	550*
William L. Dearborn	637*
George E. Dow	700*
Robert W. Fox	665*
Lawrence R. Godtfredsen	403
John A. Goodwin	577*
Robert E. Kelley	587*
Leonard W. Kupreance	451
Shirley M. Raynard	699*
Gilbert E. Scharfenberger	330
Blanks	2,731

Question No. 1

Shall a Commission be elected to frame a Charter for the Town of Middleton?

Yes	674*
No	251
Blanks	135

Question No. 2

Shall the local mass transportation service in this Town be discontinued?

Yes	787*
No	190
Blanks	83

* Signifies Elected

Wm. T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 19, 1973

The Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by the Moderator, John R. Wallen.

Thomas F. Dolan questioned that a quorum was present.

A quorum not being present, a motion was made to adjourn until Wednesday, June 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Howe-Manning School.

A voice vote was taken, the Moderator in doubt, a vote was taken by the showing of hands: In favor — 25 votes. Opposed — 32 votes.

Motion was defeated.

A motion was made by Leon J. LeBlanc to adjourn Meeting until Tuesday, June 26, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. in the Howe-Manning School.

So voted by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. until June 26, 1973 at 8:00 p.m.

William T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk

The following notice was posted by the Town Clerk at Memorial Hall, Post Office, and Store at Howe's Station, on June 20, 1973:

NOTICE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote:

The Special Town Meeting called on June 19, 1973 has been adjourned by a majority vote of those present, until Tuesday, June 26, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. at the Howe-Manning School Auditorium to act on the Articles of the Warrant posted for said Meeting.

William T. Martin, Jr.
Town Clerk of Middleton
June 20, 1973

Special Town Meeting of June 19, 1973
adjourned to June 26, 1973

In the absence of the Town Moderator and the Town Clerk, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Leon J. LeBlanc; Jean K. McSheehy was appointed as Temporary Town Clerk.

The Return of Service of the posted Warrant was read by the Temporary Town Clerk.

A motion was made and seconded that Leon J. LeBlanc be nominated as Temporary Town Moderator. A motion was made and seconded that Jean K. McSheehy be nominated as Temporary Town Clerk. Nominations were closed, and the Moderator directed that separate ballots be distributed by Selectmen Dennis E. Currier and Eugene J. LeBlanc.

Ballots cast for Temporary Town Moderator:
Leon J. LeBlanc

166

Ballots cast for Temporary Town Clerk:
Jean K. McSheehy

181

The Oath of Office was administered to the Temporary Town Clerk by the acting Moderator, and the Oath of Office was administered to the Temporary Town Moderator by the Temporary Town Clerk.

The meeting was declared open for regular business by the Temporary Town Moderator.

A quorum being present (243 voters) the following business was transacted:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.
No Committees reported.

ARTICLE 2. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00, to pay the following account:

Water Main Loan — \$2,300.00 plus interest due April 1, 1974 and to see if the funds will be provided by transfer from available funds.

A motion was made and seconded and the Town voted to table Article 2.

ARTICLE 3. On petition of the Water and Sewer Commissioners, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 to install 12" cast-iron, cement-lined water pipe, gates and valves, to be connected with the Middleton water system, and to extend 550 feet in River Street; and to see if such funds will be taken from the South Main Street Extension Account, Water Surplus Account, by transfer from available funds, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that \$1,800.00 be taken from the South Main Street Extension Account for this purpose and the Town so voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. On petition of the Board of Health, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,125.00 for unpaid bills of the previous year as follows:

Expenses of Arthur Donovan, Health Agent	
Percolation Tests	\$675.00
Gas & Mileage	450.00
	\$1,125.00

and to see if such funds will be provided by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee made no recommendation on this Article.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adopt Article 4 as read, funds to be taken from Surplus Revenue.

A vote was taken by the showing of hands: In favor — 160 votes. Opposed — 14 votes.

Article 4 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 5. On petition of the Board of Health, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$64.79, for an unpaid bill to the General Fireproofing Company, as follows:

One 4-drawer Legal File Cabinet for the Board of Health — \$64.79, and to see if such funds will be provided by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing, or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended that no action be taken on this Article as amount is too small.

A motion was made and seconded and the Town voted to table this article.

ARTICLE 6. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$275.42 from the General Fund to the Highway Department Road Machinery Account.

The Finance Committee recommended that \$275.42 be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account to the Highway Department Road Machinery Account and the Town so voted.

ARTICLE 7. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to execute a contract with the Town of Danvers, to allow the Town of Danvers to construct within the Town of Mid-

dleton, a portion of a sewer line to serve the Ferncroft Road area of Middleton and Danvers, or take any other action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article as read.

Article 7 was adopted as read by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town of Middleton, with the Town of Danvers, in order that the Town of Danvers will provide a Building Inspector and Wiring Inspector for the Town of Middleton for the portion of the motel complex to be erected in the so-called "Ferncroft Village" in the Town of Middleton; and to appropriate \$5,000.00, but in no event to be in excess of the Building Permit Fee received by the Town of Middleton for said portion of the motel complex; and to see if such funds will be provided by transfer from available funds.

The Finance Committee recommended that the amount of \$5,000.00 be changed to \$2,000.00 and that \$2,000.00 be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account for this purpose.

The Town so voted.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 40A, Section 20 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which reads in part as follows:

" . . . no appeal or petition under paragraph three of section fifteen for a variance from the terms of such an ordinance or by-law with respect to a particular parcel of land or the building thereon, and no application under paragraph two of section fifteen for a special exception to the terms of any such ordinance or by-law, which has been unfavorably acted upon by the Board of Appeals, shall be considered on its merits by said Board within two years after the date of such unfavorable action, except with consent of all but one of the members of the Planning Board"

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article as read.

Ebbe B. Wennerberg, Chairman of the Board of Appeals recommended the adoption of this Article.

A vote was taken by the showing of hands: In favor — 106 votes. Opposed — 75 votes.

Article 9 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of the Board of Selectmen, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00, to be used along with money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the reconstruction, repair or rebuilding of Thunder Bridge; and to see if such funds will be provided by transfer from available funds, by monies received from Federal Revenue Sharing or any combination thereof.

The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of this Article with the funds therefor to be taken from Federal Revenue Sharing.

So voted by unanimous vote.

The Moderator declared the Meeting adjourned.

Jean K. McSheehy
Temporary Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1973

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE OF GROOM	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF BRIDE
Jan. 6, 1973	Thomas Paul Walsh	Concord, Mass.	Alice French Kenney	Middleton
Jan. 20	Milton Ayer Doubleday	Richmond, N.H.	Sandra Jane Forgione	Middleton
Feb. 2	Richard William Ciosek	Middleton	Janet Irene Marcinkowski	Salem, Mass.
Feb. 1	Gerald Richard Robinson, Jr.	Middleton	June Ann Jacobanis	Danvers, Mass.
Feb. 10	Paul Lucier	Middleton	Deborah Yvonne Stone	Middleton
Feb. 17	Anthony James Flaherty	Salisbury, Mass.	Linda Jean Shipley	Middleton
Apr. 6	John Albert Deveney	Middleton	Kathleen Ellen Murphy	Peabody, Mass.
Apr. 29	Ronald William Charette	Middleton	Gail DeZoglia	Haverhill, Mass.
Apr. 29	Leonard Joseph Ferreira	Middleton	Diane Marie Champagne	Peabody, Mass.
Apr. 28	Edward Elliott Ogden	Middleton	Corinne Mary Murzic	Middleton
May 27	Harry Francis Sjoberg	Middleton	Angeline Pauline Palombo	Middleton
June 10	Edward James Stewart	Lawrence, Mass.	Raylene Mae Denno	Middleton
May 27	Malcolm Douglas Seaver, Jr.	Middleton	Lorri Ellen Stone	Middleton
June 2	David Putnam Dempsey	Danvers, Mass.	Jane Louise Russell	Middleton
June 8	Daniel Lee McCraine	Boxford, Mass.	Susan Arlene Young	Middleton
June 16	Gregory Kenneth Lemnah	Middleton	Janet Louise Linsky	Gloucester, Mass.
June 17	David Michael Burke	Middleton	Laurie Dole	Boxford, Mass.
June 17	Richard Edward Bandemer	Middleton	Linda Diane Carty	Salem, Mass.
June 23	Raymond Louis Saulnier	Middleton	Joyce Ann Titus	Peabody, Mass.
June 9	John Tully	Peabody, Mass.	Martha Johnson	Danvers, Mass.
June 16	Michael Phillip Gallant	Middleton	Linda Lee Conway	Middleton
June 30	Alfred James Jones	Middleton	Agnes Farrell	Middleton
June 29	Robert E. Samson	Burlington, Mass.	Charlotte (Fullerton) Duffy	Burlington, Mass.
July 1	Steven Nicholas Tolos	Danvers, Mass.	Doreen Cheryl Barthelemy	Middleton
July 21	David Henry Hammond	Boxford, Mass.	Dianne Ellen Swindle	Middleton
July 21	Philip James DeRoo, Jr.	Middleton	Kathleen Lorraine Walsh	Wilmington, Mass.
July 28	Richard Emerson Swaine	Peabody, Mass.	Barbara Ellen Hunt	Middleton
Aug. 5	Joseph Eugene Chamberlain	Arlington, Mass.	Juliet Augusta Giannino	Middleton
Aug. 11	Frederick Arnold Bavendam III	Durham, Mass.	Laurel Anita Giannino	Middleton
Aug. 4	Ronald Lawrence Belisle	Middleton	Cheryl Ann DeBerardinis	No. Andover, Mass.
Aug. 4	James Anthony Vogt	Topsfield, Mass.	Nancy Marie Martinuk	Middleton
Aug. 25	David George Evans	Middleton	Paula Marie Belisle	Middleton
Aug. 25	George John Savary, Jr.	Beverly, Mass.	Maureen Elizabeth Flammia	Middleton
Aug. 31	Brian Joseph Zaniboni	Revere, Mass.	Lori Anne Cantone	Middleton
Sept. 15	Ronald Scott Perry	Hamilton, Mass.	Lora Lee Rubchinuk	Middleton
Sept. 22	Charles C. Ashland	Middleton	Martha H. Barry	W. Roxbury, Mass.
Sept. 22	Warren Joseph Little	Middleton	Sandra Joy Iverson	Middleton
Sept. 29	Frederick Wise Doughty, Jr.	Swampscott, Mass.	Gail Ann Doughty	Middleton
Oct. 12	Charles Edward Summit	Middleton	Sheila Ann Titus	Middleton
Oct. 13	William Wayne Braley	Middleton	Eileen Patricia Hennessy	Beverly, Mass.
Oct. 20	Steven Rae Cassidy	Middleton	Barbara Jean Bandemer	Middleton
Oct. 20	Richard Warren Mason	Middleton	Patricia Karen Lindh	Topsfield, Mass.
Oct. 21	Michael Martin Conway	Peabody, Mass.	Elaine Marvel	Middleton
Oct. 21	Paul Bishop Wake, Jr.	Middleton	Barbara Jean Foden	Peabody, Mass.
Oct. 21	Robert William Burkinshaw	Peabody, Mass.	Margaret Ann Whitmore	Middleton
Oct. 21	Vincent John Riccio	Malden, Mass.	Cathie Joyce Lavorgna	Middleton
Oct. 27	Richard Achille Hebert	Peabody, Mass.	Cheryl Ann Nowers	Danvers, Mass.
Nov. 3	Donald Paul LeColst	Middleton	Linda Alice Gardner	Danvers, Mass.
Nov. 24	Stephen Kallio, Jr.	Lynn, Mass.	Linda Ann Thompson	Beverly, Mass.
Dec. 15	Samuel David Poel	Middleton	Laura Rose Colton	Russell, N.Y.
Dec. 8	Reid Augustus Blute	Dover, N.H.	Patricia Ellen Hart	Dover, N.H.
Sept. 10	Kenneth Alfred Prescott	Middleton	Pauline Tilton	Hamilton, Mass.
Dec. 28	Kenneth Lorin Rosenberger	Gloucester, Mass.	Debra Jean Stewart	Middleton
Dec. 22	Stephen P. Doty	Lancaster, N.H.	Linda Karen Trites	Lancaster, N.H.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1973

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
Jan. 16, 1973	Mary Jo Teresa Savoie	Jeffrey Wilfred Savoie	Elizabeth Agnes Grothaus
Feb. 2	Baby Girl Royer	Joseph Royer	Margaret Breyer
Feb. 4	Francesca Flora-Laure Merriam	Bruce Barton Merriam	Gilberte Edith Gravel
Feb. 17	Matthew Twining Johnson	Roger Elliot Johnson	Claudia Rae Cullen
Feb. 21	Nicole Elizabeth Walmer	John Clifton Walmer	Donna Louise Federmeyer
Mar. 2	Katherine Winn McKenney	Donald Larry McKenney	Mary Louise Fitzpatrick
Mar. 2	Robert James DeBarge	Milton Ronald DeBarge	Cheryl Ann Bennett
Mar. 5	Daniel Joseph Leary	David Thomas Leary	Dorothy Jean LeColst
Mar. 6	Matthew Paul Kilroy	Paul Gerard Kilroy	Susan Jane Hocter
Mar. 21	Susan Mae McDonald	John Allan McDonald	Carolee Dombrowski
Apr. 5	Brian Raymond King	Arthur Raymond King	Elizabeth Anne Macaulay
Apr. 6	Danielle Edwina Sickmiller	Edwin Daniel Sickmiller	Louise Marie Kozlowski
Apr. 18	Christopher Todd Levesque	Wilfred Philip Levesque	Linda Marion Gilliland
Apr. 27	Karen Lynn Newhall	Charles Warren Newhall	Andrea Florence Karayianes
May 11	Tammy Michelle Cassista	Thomas Michael Cassista	Joyce Marjorie Sterner
May 16	Katherine Ellen Fleming	David Michael Fleming	Mary Ann Hoyt
May 22	Jody Anne Pennock	John Oscar Pennock	Grace Linda Farrell
May 23	Bryan James Elliott	James Arthur Elliott	Nancy Margaret Cardelli
May 25	David Michael Daniels	William Albert Daniels	Anne Farrell Richardson
May 25	Mark Benjamin Magnifico	Jerome William Magnifico, Jr.	Leah Prince Moltman
June 20	Melissa Paige Maxfield	Harold Chester Maxfield, Jr.	Janet Lee Saunders
July 5	Richard Michel Bastable	Richard Michel Bastable	Alison Marie Bickford
July 9	Michele Ann Bandemer	Richard Edward Bandemer	Linda Diann Carty
July 27	Shawn Michael Apostolos	Michael John Apostolos	Marilyn Frances Found
Aug. 13	Kelley Ann Reardon	John Timothy Reardon	Catherine Florence Page
Aug. 16	Keith Robert Patterson	Robert William Patterson	Laurene Louise Monschein
Sept. 2	David Jerome Porter	Carl David Porter	Norma Farrell
Sept. 6	Jennifer E. Davie	Alexander Davie III	Theresa Catherine Curran
Sept. 28	Sheryl Anne Beardsell	Sanford Wallace Beardsell	Marilyn Joan Barry
Oct. 3	Daneell Louise Dow	George Edward Dow	Diane Louise Morrell
Oct. 17	Joseph Michael Palladino	Joseph Gerald Palladino	Judith Anne Cassidy
Oct. 18	Newton John Hull	Michael Kennedy Hull	Virginia Nancy Sanborn
Oct. 22	Brian Chambers Austin	Robert Melvin Austin	Linda Ellen Boulay
Oct. 30	Joseph Patrick O'Leary	Ronald William O'Leary	Gloria Jean Jean
Nov. 6	Matthew Gilbert	Richard James Gilbert	Mary Elizabeth Lane
Nov. 10	Daniel Patrick Britner	Kenneth Andrew Britner	Nancy Jane Killam
Nov. 14	Martha Jeanne Klein	Russel Neil Klein	Margaret Howard
Dec. 11	Patricia Leigh Evans	David Earle Evans	Linda Diane Jordan
Dec. 20	David Leonard Davis	Patrick Deerwood Davis	Ruth Ellen Kupfer
Dec. 24	Jennifer Anne McCarthy	John Joseph McCarthy	Janice Pamela Cipoletta
Dec. 31	Holly Ann Webb	William Charles Webb	Janice Lee Roman



DEATHS RECORDED IN 1973

DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE
Jan. 3, 1973	Isabelle E. Roberts (Latusky)	56	Aug. 19	Willson Robert Madden	63
Feb. 12	Gertrude B. Marshall (Swindell)	90	Aug. 11	Cyrus Rollins	82
Mar. 4	Salome (Lachowicz) (Morosz) Morose	76	Aug. 1	Raymond Henry Currier	76
Mar. 26	Elizabeth Martinuk	65	Aug. 27	David Rodney Goreham	8
Mar. 9	Perley Dawson Lovelace	70	Sept. 2	Marcella L. Remsen	67
Feb. 2	Baby Girl Royer		Oct. 4	Robert Granville Lee	70
Apr. 1	Paul Adams	62	Sept. 3	Margaret Byrne (Swift)	65
Apr. 15	Louis Cerullo	68	Sept. 14	John Cavallini	54
Apr. 18	Ralph M. Minichello	77	Oct. 16	J. Felix Turcotte	79
May 16	Hazel Louise Sturtevant	56	Nov. 5	Winifred W. MacMillan (Wall)	79
June 5	Thomas Joseph Houle	59	Nov. 8	Kenneth A. Brown	76
June 21	Gerald Vincent Lane	38	Dec. 8	Robert Clinton Stone	44
July 23	Robert G. Holsworth	66	Dec. 8	Bertha F. (Potter) Baker	85
July 21	Kevin Lloyd J. Ballard	18	Dec. 17	Annie Matoga	98
July 10	Wayne D. Farnham	17	Dec. 22	Kenneth A. Prescott	57
Aug. 13	Frank Twiss	68	Dec. 26	Lorne Robertson Wheatley	66
Sept. 3	Deborah L. McLean	13	Nov. 10	Edward J. Hoffman	85



Proposed Town Charter

PROPOSED TOWN CHARTER

INTRODUCTION

Presented herewith is the final report of your Charter Commission. This Commission, which has probably taken a greater in-depth look at the total workings of our town government than any other body ever has within recent decades, feels we all, as a Town, have very little about which to complain. We all should be extremely grateful to those people who have occupied our key positions and given of themselves unselfishly. We are likewise fortunate to have availed ourselves of many able and public-minded persons serving without compensation on numerous boards and committees. To them all, we say "thanks" for such excellent performances, in what are frequently thankless tasks.

Our studies have, nevertheless, revealed a few areas about which we all should be deeply concerned. First, we can look forward to a great likelihood of a population explosion — one or two years hence — amounting to possibly as much as 25 percent and perhaps as much as 50 percent increase in the number of registered voters. This could change the entire complexion of our somewhat close-knit community.

Secondly, although the Home Rule Amendment, recently enacted, guarantees the towns the power to control their own dictates through their own governmental processes, nevertheless there appears to be an increasing encroachment on the part of the Commonwealth into the internal workings of local governments. The adoption of a charter acts as a shield or umbrella and helps to defend the continuance of our own rules and regulations under which we have chosen to live.

Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, it is the first complete document that expresses fully, clearly and openly the powers and limitations of our town government. The document is open for all citizens to see, and is easily understood. There are no hidden powers or undisclosed rules or secret privileges.

This Charter is probably the most important issue you have been asked to vote on in Middleton in many years. We strongly urge you to analyze it thoroughly.

EXPLANATION

Under the Home Rules Procedures Act of 1966, each community in Massachusetts is expected to have adopted a charter by 1976. It is the ultimate authority for any community and is to the town what the Constitution is to the Federal Government. It is skeletal in nature and is designed to be supplemented by By-laws, codes and votes of Town Meetings. To phrase "a reasonable approach" best describes the overall provisions.

Briefly stated, the most significant points are:

- a. The open form of Town Meeting is retained.
- b. The traditional practice of electing many of our Town Officers is for the most part retained.
- c. It establishes the position of Town Administrator, who will be appointed by the Selectmen and responsible for

the day-to-day administration of Town affairs.

- d. It provides for an increase in the number of Selectmen to be elected.
- e. It establishes and defines clearly a Department of Public Works.
- f. Recall of elected officials is provided for.
- g. A Capital Improvement Program is outlined.
- h. Provisions are made for a periodic review and upgrading of our Town By-Laws.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTERS

Chapter 1

Contains the legal language required to insure the Town all the opportunities granted by the Home Rule Amendment.

Chapter 2

Establishes the continuation of our present practice of holding open town meetings.

Chapter 3

Provides for the continuation of our present election procedures and adds rules and requisites necessary to remove an elected official from public office, providing, nevertheless, adequate safeguards to preclude any unnecessary harassment of an elected officer at the hands of a small hostile faction.

Chapter 4

Provides for increasing the number of elected selectmen from three to five. Since our Town now has become big business, involving millions of dollars each year, it is felt part-time absentee management is best served in matters of policy and executive authority by a board of five men rather than three.

Chapter 5

Enumerates a slight reduction in the number of elected offices; principally in the area of our presently related, but separate, functions, which will come under the single division of Public Works. The ultimate combining of our part-time Tax Collector and part-time Treasurer is also provided.

Chapter 6

Lists those offices subject to appointment by the Board of Selectmen, together with the procedure for removals and suspensions. The qualifications, duties, authority, removal procedures, etc., are spelled out covering the very important new position of Town Administrator. A measure of job security is established for our Police Chief and our Fire Chief.

Chapter 7

Makes little change from our present procedure covering money matters, except it now provides for the citizens to be more fully informed by the budget message, especially in the area of the impact of the total budget upon the ensuing tax rate. It establishes a Capital Improvements Program to

view our total capital requirements — both short term and long term.

Chapter 8

Provides for a continuation of our present procedures in matter of environment.

Chapter 9

Establishes a Division of Public Works and a Division of Zoning Enforcement and Inspection. All of the functions of these two divisions are presently being performed and will continue. This combines some 12 or 14 separate, but related activities into two responsible divisions. The personnel system offers no substantial change from our present procedure.

Chapter 10

Like Chapter 1, is mostly legal language necessary to insure the Charter's effectiveness and provides for amending or upgrading it as the need may arise. It does, however, also make mandatory a By-laws Study Committee once every five years to keep our By-laws up to date commensurate with changing circumstances.

Chapter 11

Is pretty much self-explanatory and provides for tying up the loose ends during the change over from "no Charter" to "Charter," and insures the continuation of employment of those offices enumerated.

R. Lionel Barrows, Chairman
George E. Dow, Sr., Vice-Chairman
John B. Caulfield, Clerk
Shirley Raynard
William Dearborn
John Goodwin
Robert Kelley
Robert W. Fox

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the Town of Middleton, Massachusetts, in order to reaffirm the customary and traditional liberties of the people with respect to the conduct of our local government and to take the fullest advantages inherent in the Home Rule Amendment of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, do hereby adopt the following Home Rule Charter for this town.

CHAPTER 1 POWERS OF THE TOWN

Section 1 Incorporation

1-1-1 The present Town of Middleton, Massachusetts, within its corporate limits as now established shall continue to be a body politic and corporate under the name, Town of Middleton.

Section 2 Scope of Town Powers

1-2-1 The Town shall possess and exercise all powers possible under the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth

of Massachusetts as fully and completely as though they were expressly enumerated in this Charter.

Section 3 Form of Government

1-3-1 This Charter provides for the open town meeting-selectmen form of government.

Section 4 Construction of Charter

1-4-1 The powers of the town under this Charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the town, and the specific mention of particular powers in the Charter shall not be construed as limiting in any measure the general powers of the town as stated in this charter.

Section 5 Intergovernmental Relations

1-5-1 The Town may exercise consistent with the provisions of law, any of its powers, or perform any of its functions, and may participate in the financing thereof, jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, with any one or more municipalities, civil divisions, sub-divisions, or agencies of the Commonwealth, other states, or of the United States Government.

CHAPTER 2 TOWN MEETING

Section 1 Definitions

2-1-1 The Annual Town Meeting is defined as that session of the voters of the town provided for by section 2-4-1 of this Charter.

2-1-2 A special town meeting is defined as any session of the voters of the town not expressly scheduled by this Charter.

2-1-3 It is the intent of this Charter that any provisions of the Constitution or General Laws embodying the term "Annual Town Meeting" and which pertains to the legislative affairs of the Town, pertains to the Town Meeting expressly provided for by section 2-4-1 of this Charter.

Section 2 Composition, Quorum, Adjournment

2-2-1 The legislative powers of the town shall be exercised by a town meeting open to all registered voters of the Town.

2-2-2 The quorum necessary for the conduct of business may be established through By-law, but, may not be less than eight percent of the registered voters of the Town.

2-2-3 When the number of voters in attendance at a Town Meeting is determined to be less than the established quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned forthwith to a stated date, time, and place.

Section 3 Powers and Responsibilities

2-3-1 The Town Meeting shall consider and act upon all proposed By-laws.

2-3-2 The Town Meeting shall consider and act upon, with or without amendments, all proposed operating and capital budgets, bond issues, and other financial proposals of the Town.

2-3-3 All Town officers, or their representatives, members of boards and commissions, and department heads shall attend any Town Meeting when proposals affecting their

particular office, board, or department are included in the warrant. The absence of any such person shall not invalidate the actions of the Town Meeting.

2-3-4 The Town Meeting may investigate the affairs of any Town division, department, board, commission, committee, office or function.

2-3-5 The Town Meeting shall possess and exercise all powers possible under General Law.

Section 4 Procedures

2-4-1 The Town Meeting shall meet regularly on the second Tuesday in May to consider and adopt an annual operating and capital budget, and to act on other financial matters, to consider and act on matters of planning, zoning, subdivision control, building codes, and all other matters of a By-law nature, as well as to consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

2-4-2 In all procedural matters, the Town Meeting shall follow the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order," except as provided by General Law, this Charter, or by By-law.

2-4-3 The Warrant for each Town Meeting shall be prepared by the Board of Selectmen.

2-4-4 All warrants for Town Meeting shall be served by posting up attested copies thereof, in at least three public places in the Town and at such places as the Selectmen may designate, at least seven days before the time of holding such-meeting.

2-4-5 A copy of the Warrant for any Town Meeting shall be made available to each residence in the Town at least seven days prior to the commencement of said meeting.

2-4-6 The order of consideration of the articles on the Warrant may be changed only by a four-fifths vote of the Town Meeting.

2-4-7 All proposed operating expenditures shall be included in a single, omnibus-type article in the Town Warrant.

2-4-8 The Town Meeting shall not consider financial matters without Finance Committee recommendations.

2-4-9 Articles involving planning, zoning, subdivision control, land acquisition, conservation, extension of sewer lines, and all other matters relating to the environment shall not be voted on by the Town Meeting unless they have been considered previously and a recommendation issued thereon by the Planning Board.

2-4-10 The substance of any article defeated at a Town Meeting shall not again be placed on the warrant for the period of one year, except and unless in compliance with General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 10 as amended.

2-4-11 The substance of any article entailing planning, zoning, subdivision control, which has been defeated at any town meeting shall not again be voted on by the Town Meeting for a period of two years thereafter, unless the planning board shall have recommended resubmission of the article.

2-4-12 The date, time, and place for any emergency Town Meeting shall be established by the Board of Selectmen, but, the calling of such shall be in accordance with the General Law provisions for calling a Special Town Meeting.

2-4-13 Any ten voters of the Town may secure by written petition to the Board of Selectmen, the inclusion of an article for the warrant of any duly scheduled Annual Town Meeting, and at least one hundred registered voters may secure the same for any duly scheduled Special Town Meeting.

Section 5 Presiding Officer

2-5-1 A Moderator shall be elected for a one year term at the regular election of Town officials. He shall not hold any other Town office or accept Town employment during the term for which he is elected.

2-5-2 The Moderator shall preside at all Town Meetings and shall swear in the Town Clerk. He shall enforce procedural rules as set forth in General Law, this Charter, and By-law.

2-5-3 The Moderator shall appoint the Finance Committee in accordance with Chapter 7, Section 3 of this Charter.

2-5-4 The Moderator shall appoint any ad hoc committee created by the Town Meeting, unless another appointive authority shall be specified in the language of the article establishing such committee.

CHAPTER 3 ELECTIONS

Section 1 Town Elections

3-1-1 The regular election for all Town offices shall be by official ballot held on the Monday following the second Tuesday in May of each year.

3-1-2 Any person duly elected to any office or board shall take up the duties of his office immediately, provided that he first shall have been sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

3-1-3 All General Law provisions with regard to Town elections shall apply.

Section 2 Elections to be Nonpartisan

3-2-1 All elections for Town officers shall be nonpartisan, and election ballots for Town officers shall be printed without any political party mark, emblem, vignette, or designation whatsoever.

Section 3 Eligibility of Town Voters

3-3-1 Any registered voter of the Town shall be eligible for election to any elective office or Board of the Town.

Section 4 Recall of Elective Officers

3-4-1 An elected officer of the Town may be recalled and removed from public office by the voters of the Town as herein provided. Any voter of the Town may file with the Board of Selectmen a petition containing the name and title of the elective officer whose removal is sought together with a statement of the grounds for his removal. Said petition shall be filed with said Board and shall be signed in ink or indelible pencil by qualified voters of the Town equal in

number to at least twenty percent of the voters registered at the last regular municipal election, provided that no recall petition may be filed against any officer until he shall have held his office for at least six months. Said petition shall be accompanied by affidavits as to authenticity of signatures, signed and sworn to by each circulator, and certified by the Board of Registrars or Town Clerk.

3-4-2 If, within five days after receipt of the petition the Board of Selectmen shall determine the petition and affidavits to be sufficient, a recall vote shall be taken within one hundred and ten days but not sooner than ninety days after such final determination, provided that no such vote shall be taken if the term of office of such elective official shall expire within one hundred and fifty days after such determination, or if such elective officer shall resign from such office before the taking of such vote. Said recall vote shall be called and conducted in the same manner as is provided by general law for the call and conduct of a special election.

3-4-3 The form of the question to be voted upon shall be substantially as follows: "Shall (here insert the name and title of the elective officer whose recall is sought) be recalled?" A majority vote of the voters to recall such elective officer shall not be effective unless a total of at least thirty percent of the electorate entitled to vote on the question shall have voted. Recall of such elective officer shall become effective upon certification of the results of the voting thereon, regardless of any technical deficiency in the recall petition. If any elective officer shall be recalled, the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of this charter and of general law.

3-4-4 No person, having been recalled or having resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against him, shall be appointed to any Town office within two years following said recall or resignation.

CHAPTER 4 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Section 1 The Board of Selectmen

4-1-1 A Board of Selectmen of five members shall be elected for three year overlapping terms. The regular election for the office of Selectman shall be held in accordance with Chapter 3 of this Charter.

4-1-2 Vacancies in the office of Selectman shall be filled by special election in accordance with the provisions of General Law.

Section 2 General Powers

4-2-1 All executive powers of the Town, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, shall be vested in the Board of Selectmen. It is the intent of this section that the Board shall exercise control over Town affairs by recommending major courses of action to the Town Meeting and by setting policies to be carried out by the Town Administrator and other officers, boards, and commissions appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

4-2-2 The Board shall have the power to enact rules and regulations relating to the conduct of Town elections and for the establishment of Town policies, not otherwise governed by Statute, this Charter, or By-law, provided how-

ever, that whenever an appropriation shall be necessary to implement such action, the vote of the Board shall be effective only if such appropriation shall be made by the Town Meeting.

Section 3 Powers of Appointment

4-3-1 The Board shall have the powers of appointment as provided in Chapter six of this Charter.

Section 4 Powers of Investigation

4-4-1 The Board of Selectmen may make investigations and may authorize the Town Administrator or other agent to investigate the affairs of the Town and the conduct of any Town department, office or agency, including any doubtful claims against the Town. For this purpose the board may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. The report of such investigation shall be placed on file in the office of the Town Clerk and a report of such investigation shall be printed in the next Annual Town Report.

Section 5 Administrative Reorganization

4-5-1 Subject only to express prohibitions in the Constitution and General Laws and provisions of the Charter, the Town Meeting may, by By-law, reorganize, consolidate, or abolish any Town agency, in whole or in part; establish such new Town agencies as it deems necessary or advisable and may prescribe the functions of any such Town agency; provided, however, that no function assigned by the Charter to a particular Town agency may be discontinued except by Charter amendment.

CHAPTER 5 OTHER ELECTED TOWN BOARDS

Section 1 General Provisions

5-1-1 Beginning with the first Town Election held after the adoption of this Charter, the other Town Boards to be elected by vote of the Town shall be: An Elementary School Committee, a Regional School Committee, a Planning Board, a Board of Assessors, a Board of Library Trustees, a Town Clerk, a Housing Authority, Electric Light Commissioners and a Constable.

5-1-2 Boards and commissions established under this Charter shall perform their functions and duties in accordance with the Constitution, General Law, this Charter, or By-law.

5-1-3 During the term for which he is elected, and for one year following expiration of his term, no member of any board or commission established under this Charter shall be eligible to accept any appointed paid full-time Town position.

5-1-4 Members of boards and commissions established under this Charter who serve without compensation may receive actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, within limits of an appropriation made for that purpose.

Section 2 Vacancies

5-2-1 Vacancies in the Town Boards or offices established under this Charter shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen

together with the remaining members of the respective board, in accordance with the provisions of General Law.

Section 3 School Committee

5-3-1 An elementary School Committee of five members shall be elected for three year overlapping terms.

5-3-2 A regional School Committee membership of three shall be elected for three year overlapping terms.

5-3-3 At least two weeks prior to submitting a budget to the Town Accountant, the school committee shall conduct a public hearing on the school budget. Said committee shall have preliminary summaries of its recommendations available at said hearing, which shall be distributed to those who request them.

Section 4 Planning Board

5-4-1 A Planning Board of five members shall be elected for five year overlapping terms.

Section 5 Board of Assessors

5-5-1 A Board of Assessors of three members shall be elected for three year overlapping terms.

Section 6 Library Trustees

5-6-1 A Board of Library Trustees of five members shall be elected for three year overlapping terms.

5-6-2 The Board shall be responsible for the administration and operation of the Town Library.

Section 7 Electric Light Commissioners

5-7-1 A Board of three Commissioners shall be elected for three year overlapping terms.

Section 8 Town Clerk

5-8-1 A Town Clerk shall be elected for a three year term.

Section 9 Constable

5-9-1 A constable shall be elected for a three year term.

CHAPTER 6 APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Section 1 Powers to Appoint Town Officers

6-1-1 The Board of Selectmen shall have the power to appoint:

(a) The following officers each for a term of three years; a Town Counsel, a Town Accountant.

(b) The following officers for a term or succession of terms, no one term of which shall be in excess of three years; a Town Administrator, a Superintendent of Public Works, a Treasurer-Collector, all division and/or department heads.

(c) The following officers for an indefinite term; a Police Chief, a Fire Chief.

Section 2 Duties

6-2-1 Officers appointed under this chapter shall perform their duties in accordance with General Law, this Charter, and By-law.

Section 3 Power to Appoint Town Boards and Commissions.

6-3-1 The Board of Selectmen shall have the power to appoint:

(a) Five members of a Zoning Board of Appeals for five year overlapping terms, and two alternate members for one year terms.

(b) Three members of a Board of Health, for three year overlapping terms.

(c) Three members of a Board of Registrars of Voters for three year overlapping terms.

(d) A Personnel Board, a Conservation Commission, a Recreation Commission, an Historical Commission, such boards to be composed of five members each, who shall be appointed for three year overlapping terms.

Section 4 Other Appointive Powers

6-4-1 The Board shall have the power to appoint such individual Town officers and members of Boards and Commissions as are authorized by General Law, this Charter, or By-law, and for whom appointment is not otherwise provided.

Section 5 Removals and Suspensions

6-5-1 Any appointed officer or full-time salaried employee of the Town, not subject to the provisions of the state Civil Service law, whether appointed for a fixed or an indefinite term, may be suspended or removed from office by the appointing authority for good cause. The term good cause shall include, but not be limited to the following: incapacity other than temporary illness, inefficiency, insubordination and conduct unbecoming the office.

6-5-2 Any appointed officer or full-time salaried employee of the Town may be suspended from office by the appointing authority if such action is deemed to them to be necessary to protect the interests of the Town. However, no suspension shall be for more than fifteen days. Suspension may be conterminous with removal and shall not interfere with the rights of the officer or employee under the removal procedure given below.

6-5-3 The appointing authority when removing any such officer or employee shall act in accordance with the following procedure:

a. A written notice of the intent to remove and a statement of the cause or causes therefore shall be delivered by registered mail to the last known address of the person sought to be removed.

b. Within five days of delivery of such notice the officer or employee may request a public hearing at which he may be represented by counsel, shall be entitled to present evidence, call witnesses and to question any witness appearing at the hearing.

c. Between one and ten days after the public hearing is adjourned, or if the officer or employee fails to request a public hearing between six and fifteen days after delivery of the notice of the intent to remove, the appointing authority shall take final action either removing the officer or employee or notifying him that the notice is rescinded.

6-5-4 Nothing in this section shall be construed as granting a right to such a hearing when a person who has been appointed for a fixed term is not reappointed when his original term expires.

6-5-5 Said power should not apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals, nor to any other body which the Town Counsel has determined to be quasi-judicial.

Section 6 Qualifications of Town Administrator

6-6-1 The Town Administrator shall have executive and administrative qualifications and shall have education by training, experience or scholastic achievement to perform the duties of the office.

Section 7 Duties of the Town Administrator

6-7-1 The Town Administrator shall be directly responsible to the Board of Selectmen for the performance of his duties, and shall be the principal full-time administrative officer of the Town.

6-7-2 He shall represent the Town, in the absence of the Selectmen, at all Federal, State, Regional, or Municipal meetings which may affect the present or future status of the Town.

6-7-3 He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Selectmen except when excused and shall have the right to speak, but not to vote.

6-7-4 He shall assemble and present to the Board of Selectmen the annual budget of the town and shall also be responsible for the development and annual revision of the capital improvements program, in accordance with chapter seven of this Charter.

6-7-5 He shall keep the Board of Selectmen fully informed regarding all departmental operations, fiscal affairs, problems, and administrative actions, and to this end, shall submit quarterly reports to the Board of Selectmen.

6-7-6 He shall keep the Board of Selectmen fully informed on the long range needs of the Town and shall provide the Board with data to support suggested alternative courses of action.

6-7-7 He shall be responsible for purchasing all material, equipment, and supplies for the Town except as otherwise provided for by law. He shall award all contracts for the Town except those in excess of \$1,000 for which competitive bids are required. A vote of the Board of Selectmen is required to award a contract other than to the lowest bidder.

6-7-9 He shall keep a full and complete inventory of Town property both real and personal.

6-7-10 He shall perform such other duties as may be required by this Charter, By-law, vote of the Town, or vote of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 8 Removal of the Town Administrator

6-8-1 The Town Administrator may be removed in the course of his term, in accordance with the following procedures.

6-8-2 The removal of the Town Administrator shall be by

a resolution of the Board of Selectmen to this effect, provided that no such resolutions shall be adopted within sixty days after any Town election that shall have caused a change in the composition of the Board.

6-8-3 The adoption of said resolution shall serve to suspend the Administrator for a period of not more than forty-five days, during which his salary shall continue to be paid. A copy of such resolution shall be delivered to the Town Administrator who shall have five days in which to request a public hearing. If a hearing shall be requested, the Board shall schedule it within two weeks, to be held in a public place. The Board shall advertise the hearing in a newspaper of local circulation and cite its purpose, location, time and date.

6-8-4 The Moderator, or if he is unable to be present, such person as he shall designate, shall preside at such hearing.

6-8-5 At any such hearing, the reasons for the removal shall first be read aloud. The Town Administrator shall then be allowed to respond, either personally or through counsel. The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator shall be allowed to call witnesses, and to subpoena any and all Town records.

6-8-6 Final removal of the Town Administrator shall be effected by the affirmative vote of the Board of Selectmen, at a public meeting of the Board held within seven days of such public hearing, if the Town Administrator shall have requested one. Or, if he shall not have requested one, final removal may be effected by the affirmative vote of three members of the Board held not sooner than fourteen days after the vote initiating the removal. The salary of the Town Administrator shall continue to be paid for a period of thirty days after the vote effecting his removal from office.

Section 9 Acting Town Administrator

6-9-1 In the event of temporary absence, disability, suspension, or vacancy in the office of the Administrator, the Board of Selectmen by an affirmative vote of at least three members may appoint an acting Town Administrator. The term of the acting Administrator shall not exceed 90 days. If necessary the Board of Selectmen by an affirmative vote of at least three members may extend the temporary appointment for an additional term not to exceed 90 days. An acting Administrator appointed under this section shall receive compensation as set by the affirmative vote of at least three selectmen, but, it shall not exceed the rate of compensation, approved for the Administrator by the town meeting.

CHAPTER 7 FINANCES AND FISCAL PROCEDURES

Section 1 Fiscal Year

7-1-1 The fiscal year of the Town shall be as required by the General Laws.

Section 2 Annual Audit

7-2-1 At least ninety days before the end of each fiscal year, the Board of Selectmen shall request the auditing agency of the Commonwealth to conduct an audit of all

- Section 2. The Fire Chief may detail such members of the Fire Department as Inspectors, as shall from time to time be necessary.
- Section 3. Definitions.
- (A) Wherever the word "Municipality" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Town of Middleton.
- (B) Wherever the word, or term, "Corporation Counsel" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Town Counsel for the Town of Middleton.
- Section 4. Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of Explosives and Blasting Agents is to be prohibited.
- (A) The limits referred to in Section 12.5B of the Fire Prevention Code, in which the storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby established as follows: Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.
- Section 5. Establishment of limits of districts in which storage of Flammable Liquids in outside aboveground tanks is to be prohibited.
- (A) The limits referred to in Section 16.22A of the Fire Prevention Code in which the storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, are hereby established as follows; Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.
- Section 6. Establishment of limits in which Bulk Storage of Liquified Petroleum Gases is to be restricted.
- (A) The limits referred to in section 21.6A of the Fire Prevention Code, in which bulk storage of liquified petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby described as follows: Zoning Code and judgment of the Fire Chief.
- Section 7. To add to Section 14.4 Automatic Sprinkler Systems.
- (1) Any building that has more than five (5) floors that are used for any purpose, whether it be for habitation, office or storage use, shall be completely protected by a sprinkler system.
- (2) The sprinkler system shall be installed in accordance with National Fire Protection standards No. 13 and 13A.
- (3) Each tenant floor would be considered a separate fire area in the design of the sprinkler system, with a shut off valve for each floor.
- (4) An indicator panel with local supervision would be located at the building entrance, easily accessible to firefighters, to designate by signal the floor on which the sprinkler is operating.
- (5) At the same indicator panel there would be a provision for takeover of control on one elevator by firefighters.
- (6) Because of the elevation of the building a pressure tank, or pump, (If a pump, it must have auxiliary power) shall be installed in accordance with NFPA requirements.
- (7) A wet standpipe system must also be installed in each stairwell in accordance with NFPA requirements. Also at each floor level there shall be a gated 2½" outlet, equipped with an adaptor from 2½" to 1½" National Standard Threads (Male).
- (8) Outside fire department standpipe connections for the sprinkler must be in accordance with NFPA requirements.
- (9) All stairwells must be provided with awning type windows, or windows that can be easily opened by the fire department at each floor, so that smoke may be relieved readily from the stairwell.
- (10) A master fire alarm box shall be installed at the front entrance of each building.

- (11) This box will automatically monitor the sprinkler system, fire detection system and any other alarm actuating devices, and transmit an alarm to the Fire Department.
- (12) Suitable fire gongs shall be installed on each floor so as to notify the tenants if a fire is in progress, and there shall be pull stations on each floor.
- (13) All the above mentioned requirements shall meet the approval of the Middleton Fire Chief.

Section 8. Modifications.

The Chief of the Fire Department shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code upon application, in writing, by the owner or lessee, or his duly authorized agent, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the Code, provided that the spirit of the Code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such modifications when granted, or allowed, and the decision of the Fire Chief thereon shall be entered upon the records of the Fire Department and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.

Section 9. Appeals.

Whenever the Chief of the Fire Department shall disapprove an application, or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the Code have been misconstrued, or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Chief of the Fire Department to the Board of Selectmen within fifteen days from the date of the decision appealed.

Section 10. New Materials, Processes, or Occupancies which may require Permits.

The Board of Selectmen and the Chief of the Fire Department shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, such notice to be given publication for one week in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Middleton, any new materials, processes, or occupancies, which shall require permits, in addition to those enumerated in said Code. The Chief of the Fire Department shall post such list in a conspicuous place in his office, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons upon request.

Section 11. Penalties.

(A) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the Code hereby adopted or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who shall fail to comply with such order as affirmed or modified by the Board of Selectmen, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$20.00 for each offense. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue, and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

Section 12. Validity.

The Board of Selectmen hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this By-Law, or of the Code herein adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Middleton Board of Selectmen that it would have passed all other portions of this By-Law independent of the elimination herefrom of any portion as may be declared invalid.

As sponsored by the Chief of the Fire Department.

a salary and pay plan for all positions, (3) methods of determining the merit and fitness of candidates for appointment and promotion, (4) policies and procedures regulating the removal of employees, (5) hours of work, attendance regulations, and provisions for sick, vacation, military and other leave of absence, (6) policies and procedures governing persons holding provisional appointments, (7) policies and procedures governing relationships with employee organizations, (8) policies regarding inservice training programs, (9) grievance procedures, including procedures for the hearing of such grievances, and (10) such other practices and procedures as may be necessary for the administration of the personnel system.

CHAPTER 10 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 Amendment of Charter

10-1-1 This Charter may be replaced, revised, or amended in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and General Law.

Section 2 Specific Provisions shall Prevail

10-2-1 To the extent that any specific provision of this Charter shall conflict with any provision expressed in general terms, the specific provision shall prevail.

Section 3 Severability of Charter

10-3-1 If any provision of this Charter is held invalid, the other provisions of the Charter shall not be affected thereby. If the application of the Charter of any of its provisions to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the application of this Charter and its provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4 Revision and Publication of By-Laws

10-4-1 It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen to insure, through an appointed By-law Committee, that the By-laws of the Town shall be reviewed, codified, and republished at least every five years, and that copies shall be made available to all registered voters requesting them.

10-5-1 All boards, commissions, and committees of the Town shall: organize annually and elect a chairman and other necessary officers; establish a quorum requirement for their meetings; adopt rules of procedure and voting; maintain a journal of proceedings, copies of which shall be a public record.

Section 6 Executive Sessions

10-6-1 No meeting of any Town board, commission, committee, or subcommittee shall be held in executive session except by not less than a majority vote of those present.

10-6-2 Executive sessions may be held only for the purpose of discussing or voting on matters which cannot be made public by reason of law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, or which might adversely affect the public security, the financial interest of the Town (including matters relating to collective bargaining) and the reputation of any person (including normal personnel actions).

CHAPTER 11 TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 1 Continuation of By-laws

11-1-1 All special acts, by-laws, resolutions, rules, regulations and votes of the Town Meeting in force on the effective date of this Charter not inconsistent with its provisions, shall continue in force until amended or repealed, including, if any, By-laws which shall have been passed and have been approved by the Attorney General but not published.

Section 2 Continuation of Government

11-2-1 Appointed or elected Town officials holding office on the effective date of this Charter shall continue to serve until their successors have been qualified, unless the office and/or duties have been transferred, consolidated, or abolished.

11-2-2 Notwithstanding any conflicting provisions, the adoption of this Charter shall serve to grant tenure until age of seventy years to Allan G. Marshall and Ernest R. Gould, so long as they are willing and able to perform the duties of their respective offices as presently defined.

11-2-3 Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, the adoption of this Charter shall serve to grant tenure until age seventy to Patricia Jordan and Harold Tyler, so long as they are both willing and able to perform the duties of their respective offices as presently defined. In the event either shall become unwilling or unable to perform, the office of Treasurer-Collector shall be offered to the remaining officer under the provisions of Section 6-1-1.

11-2-4 The incumbent Board of three selectmen shall cause a Special Election to be held on the second Monday of September, 1974 for the purpose of electing two additional members to the Board, one to serve until the next regular election in 1976 and one until the regular election in 1977. After the qualification of the two new members, the five-man Board shall proceed to appoint the Town Administrator and take whatever other action is deemed necessary to implement the office.

Section 3 Transfer of Records and Property

11-3-1 All records, property, and equipment whatsoever of any office, department, or agency or part thereof, the powers and duties of which are assigned in whole or in part to another office or agency, shall be transferred forthwith to the office, department, or agency to which such powers and duties are assigned.

Section 4 Pending Actions and Proceedings

11-4-1 No action or proceedings, civil or criminal, in law or in equity, pending, at the time this Charter shall take effect, brought by or against the Town or any office, department, or other agency thereof, shall be affected or abated by the adoption of this Charter.



YOUR SERVICES

Accountant	774-6514	Highway Department	774-9177
Assessors	774-2099	Housing Authority	774-4333
Assistant to Board of Selectmen	774-3344	Library	774-8132
Board of Appeals	774-5759	Planning Board	774-3822
Board of Health	774-2850	Police Department	774-4424
Building Inspector	774-2850	School Department	
Community Nurse	774-4105	Elementary	774-3517
Dog Officer	774-4728	Masconomet	887-2323
Elections & Registrations	774-4882	Selectmen	774-3344
Electric Light Department	774-4313	Tax Collector	774-1867
Fire Department		Town Clerk	774-4882
EMERGENCY	774-2211	Town Treasurer	774-8327
BUSINESS	774-3226	Tree Warden	774-0586
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	944-5099	Veterans' Agent	774-1815
Health Agent	774-2850	Wiring Inspector	774-0989

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy (D)
 John F. Kennedy Federal Building
 Boston, Massachusetts
 223-2826

Edward W. Brooke (R)
 John F. Kennedy Federal Building
 Boston, Massachusetts
 223-7240

STATE SENATOR
 William L. Saltonstall
 388 Summer Street
 Manchester, Massachusetts
 526-7111

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN
 Michael J. Harrington
 208 Post Office Building
 Salem, Massachusetts
 745-5800

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
 Robert C. Buell
 Woodcrest Road
 Boxford, Massachusetts
 887-5374

ESSEX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 Daniel J. Burke Edward H. Cahill Katherine M. Donovan
 32 Federal Street
 Salem, Massachusetts
 744-2840

THINGS TO REMEMBER

What?

Annual Elections
 Annual Town Meeting
 Board of Appeals
 Board of Assessors
 Board of Health
 Board of Selectmen
 Conservation Commission
 Council on Aging
 Finance Committee
 Housing Authority
 Industrial Development Comm.
 Library Trustees
 Planning Board
 Personnel Board
 School Committee
 Elementary
 Regional
 Town Clerk
 Water & Sewer Commissioners

When?

1st Monday after Annual Town Meeting
 2nd Tuesday of May
 3rd Thursday of month 8 p.m.
 Every Tuesday 7-9 p.m.
 1st Wednesday of month 7:30 p.m.
 Every Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
 2nd Tuesday of month 8 p.m.
 3rd Wednesday of month 7:30 p.m.
 3rd Tuesday of month 8 p.m.
 Tuesday, Thursday 9-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m.
 2nd Monday of month 8 p.m.
 2nd Monday of month 7:30 p.m.
 2nd Thursday of month 8 p.m.
 1st Monday of month 8 p.m.
 2nd & 4th Thursday of month 7:45 p.m.
 1st & 3rd Wednesday of month 8 p.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7-9 p.m.
 2nd Thursday of month 8 p.m.

Where?

Fuller Meadow School
 Howe-Manning School
 Memorial Hall
 Memorial Hall
 Memorial Hall
 Memorial Hall
 Memorial Hall
 Memorial Hall
 Orchard Circle
 Memorial Hall
 Orchard Circle
 Memorial Hall
 Flint Public Library
 Memorial Hall
 Memorial Hall
 Howe-Manning School
 Masconomet Regional H.S.
 King St.
 Memorial Hall

For any information concerning local boards or committees call the Selectmen's Office 774-3344
 Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MIDDLETON FIRE ALARMS

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| 112 | Maple St. & Liberty St. | 323 | Housing for Elderly, Orchard Circle |
| 113 | Maple St. & Kenny Rd. | 33 | So. Main St. & Meadow Drive |
| 114 | Maple St. & East St. | 331 | Wennerberg Rd. |
| 115 | Maple St. near #274 | 3312 | Daniel Fuller Rest., So. Main St. |
| 12 | Middleton Square | 332 | Meadow Drive & Edgewood Rd. |
| 121 | Liberty St. & 2nd Ave. | 3321 | Fuller-Meadow School |
| 1212 | Muzichuk Block, Middleton Sq. | 3322 | Family Savings Bank |
| 122 | Liberty St. near #60 | 334 | Meadow Drive near #29 |
| 123 | Liberty St. & Mill St. | 335 | Fuller Rd. & Willow St. |
| 124 | Liberty St. & Middleton Pines | 336 | Edgewood Rd. near #16 |
| 125 | Liberty St. & Peabody St. | 34 | So. Main St. & Park Ave. |
| 126 | Peabody St. to Mill St. | 35 | Haswell Park Area |
| 13 | Howe-Manning School | 36 | So. Main St. & River St. |
| 131 | Mill St. near #33 | 361 | Paradise Park |
| 132 | Mill St. near #66 | 3612 | Diamond National Corp. |
| 14 | Central St. & Washington St. | 3613 | Aster Engineering |
| 141 | East St. near #32 | 3615 | Auto-Roll Corp. |
| 142 | East St. near #54 | 362 | R & K Precision Machine Co. |
| 143 | East St. & Locust St. | 363 | So. Main St. & Lonergan Rd. |
| 1433 | Locust St. to Golf Course | 37 | Log Bridge Rd. & Birch St. |
| 1434 | Locust St. near T.C. Clubhouse | 371 | Industrial Coil Complex |
| 1435 | Locust St. near T.C. Maint. Shop | 372 | Danvers Fish & Game Club |
| 1436 | Locust St. near Line | 41 | Boston St. near #38 |
| 144 | East St. & Peabody St. | 411 | River St. near #115 |
| 145 | East St. near Line | 4111 | St. Agnes Church |
| 1451 | Regional High School, Boxford | 412 | River St. near #105 |
| 1452 | Regional High School, Admin. Bldg. | 42 | Boston St. near #73 |
| 146 | Peabody St. & Thomas St. | 423 | Boston St. at 88 Boston St. |
| 15 | Maple St. near Town Hall | 43 | Boston St. & Phaneuf St. |
| 151 | Gregory St. | 432 | Overbrook Rd. |
| 152 | Essex County Sanitorium | 433 | Fairway Dr. East & Fuller Rd. |
| 153 | Essex County Industrial Farm | 44 | Boston St. near #145 |
| 1531 | M.I.T. Linear Accelerator | 45 | Boston St. & River St. |
| 154 | Danvers State Colony, Middleton | 46 | Boston St. near Line |
| 16 | Maple St. & Webb St. | 461 | U.S.M. Chemical Co. |
| 161 | Congregational Church | 462 | U.S.M. Chemical Co. (Gen. Off) |
| 162 | Webb St. near #22 | 5 | Central Fire Station |
| 17 | King St. & Mt. Vernon St. | 51 | Lake St. near Pumping Station |
| 21 | No. Main St. & Lakeview Ave. | 52 | Lake St. near #76 |
| 211 | No. Main St. near #175 | 53 | Lake St. Danvers Water Works Area |
| 212 | No. Main St. near #230 | 531 | Lake St. Pumping Station |
| 22 | Lakeview Ave. area off No. Main St. | 8 | East St. Town Beach |
| 221 | Essex St. & School St. | SPECIAL SIGNALS | |
| 223 | Essex St. near #121 | 1-1 | Recall |
| 224 | Essex St. near #165 | 2-2-2 | No School
High School at 6:50 a.m.
Elementary at 7:15 a.m. |
| 225 | Essex St. near Line | 4-4-4 | Militia Call |
| 23 | Forest St. & No. Main St. | 7-7-7 | Police |
| 231 | School St. near #48 | 9-9-9 | Boy Scouts |
| 232 | School St. & Liberty St. | SECOND ALARM | |
| 233 | No. Liberty St. to Line | 3 | Followed by Box |
| 24 | Forest St. & Lake St. | THIRD ALARM | |
| 25 | Forest St. near #140 | 4 | Followed by Box |
| 26 | Forest St. & Evans Rd. | MUTUAL AID SIGNALS | |
| 27 | Forest St. near Line | 61 | Mutual Aid to Danvers |
| 31 | Pleasant St. Area | 62 | Mutual Aid to No. Reading |
| 311 | River St. near Greenhouse | 63 | Mutual Aid to Lynnfield |
| 312 | River St. & Hilldale Ave. | 64 | Mutual Aid to Topsfield |
| 313 | Riverview Drive Area | 6 | Out of Town, all others not listed |
| 32 | So. Main St. & Boston St. | FOR EMERGENCY CALL 774-2211 | |
| 321 | Mt. Vernon St. near #15 | For routine Fire Department business call 774-3226 | |
| 3212 | Arlington Trust Co. Bldg. | | |
| 3213 | Memorial Hall So. Main St. | | |
| 3214 | Stonehenge Rest. So. Main St. | | |
| 322 | So. Main St. & Mt. Vernon St. | | |









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